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JAPANESE PROTEST TO SOVIET

Tokyo, To-day.
A protest by the Japanese Government against "repeated Soviet violation of Japanese treaty rights" as regards oil and coal deposits in the Soviet half of the island of Saghalien, was handed to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, M. Smetanin, by Mr. Swada yesterday.
M. Smetanin was requested to present the demand of the Japanese Government for immediate clarification to the Moscow Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Yugoslav Policy Decided

Belgrade, To-day.
A SERIES of most important conversations took place yesterday in Yugo-Slavia.
The Foreign Minister, M. Markovics, returning from his Venice conversations, conferred with Prince Paul, and M. Zvetkovics, the Premier, who had just returned from a week-end at Brdo Castle.
On their way from Brdo Castle to Belgrade, Prince Paul and M. Zvetkovics, had lengthy discussions with the Croat Leader, M. Matchek, at Agram, the Croat capital.—Trans-Ocean.

FURTHER FRENCH PRESSURE

Paris, To-day.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, had a lengthy conversation on Monday with the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps.
Later another long conference took place with the Premier, M. Daladier.
It is believed here that France has asked for a promise that compulsory military service will be introduced in Britain in the near future.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.
Mr. Vernon Bartlett M.P., the diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle," dealing in guarded fashion with the new British warning move, says: "Nobody seems to know how far it will leave the door open to bargaining."

Mr. Bartlett, however, refers to assurances given him that "within a very few hours" the whole world will realise that the step (return of the British Ambassador to Berlin) in no way indicates the slightest weakening of the British Government's determination to stand firm against aggression.

The "News Chronicle" features the Cabinet's reported agreement in principle in regard to the desirability of conscription.

In this connection the political correspondent of the journal says that at least one Minister with whom he discussed the question pointed out that the calling up for army service of the 19-year age group would mean the accession of 300,000 men to the Territorial Army.

WARNING AND OPPORTUNITY
"The Times" diplomatic correspondent, referring to the British Ambassador's return to Berlin and Mr. Chamberlain's brief statement in the House of Commons, says the Government will stand by both the warning and the opportunity contained in President Roosevelt's message.

The correspondent adds that in general it can be said that the Ambassador's return will show no

change—certainly no weakening—of the Government's policy as shown both at home and abroad in all the capitals that have been approached during the past few weeks.

Officials in Whitehall are still chary of revealing any precise instructions that have been given to our Ambassador, but it seems clear that certain instructions were given.—Reuter.

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Japan's Place In European War?

London, To-day.
THE Berlin correspondent of "The Times" says that no information is available in Nazi circles regarding negotiations between Germany and Japan concerning conversation of the Anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance.

It would, no doubt, be a considerable success for Hitler if he was in a position to announce on Friday that the Japanese fleet would not be neutral in the event of war between Germany and the Democracies.—Reuter.

CABINET MEETS ON BUDGET

London, To-day.
The Cabinet met last evening in the House of Commons, the discussions being confined to the new budget which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, will announce in the House this afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH ENVOY TO GO TO BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.
The French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Coulondre, will return to his post on Wednesday, it was reported in diplomatic circles last night.—Trans-Ocean.

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Attitude Made Clear

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has indicated that the return to Berlin of the British Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, would not lead the United States to follow suit.

Officials reiterate the belief that President Roosevelt is not making a decision in this connection until Hitler's reply to Mr. Roosevelt's message is received.

The suggestion that Hitler may attempt to reverse the order of President Roosevelt's proposals by insisting on satisfaction of German economic and colonial claims before giving any guarantee regarding future intentions, has been received here in the same way both by the press and diplomatic quarters, namely that

Hitler would attempt to resurrect the appeasement policy and would point to President Roosevelt's message as justification for it.

NOTHING DOING

Political quarters understand that President Roosevelt has no intention of being caught thus.

It is precisely President Roosevelt's followers who hitherto have most loudly opposed appeasement, and it is said that on account of internal politics President Roosevelt could not afford to request unilateral concessions from Britain and France in order to placate the Axis.

While the appeasement policy existed, the press here hinted, it is

believed with official inspiration, that the United States could not be indifferent to suggestions of cession of West African territories to the Axis on account of the accessibility of these areas to South America.

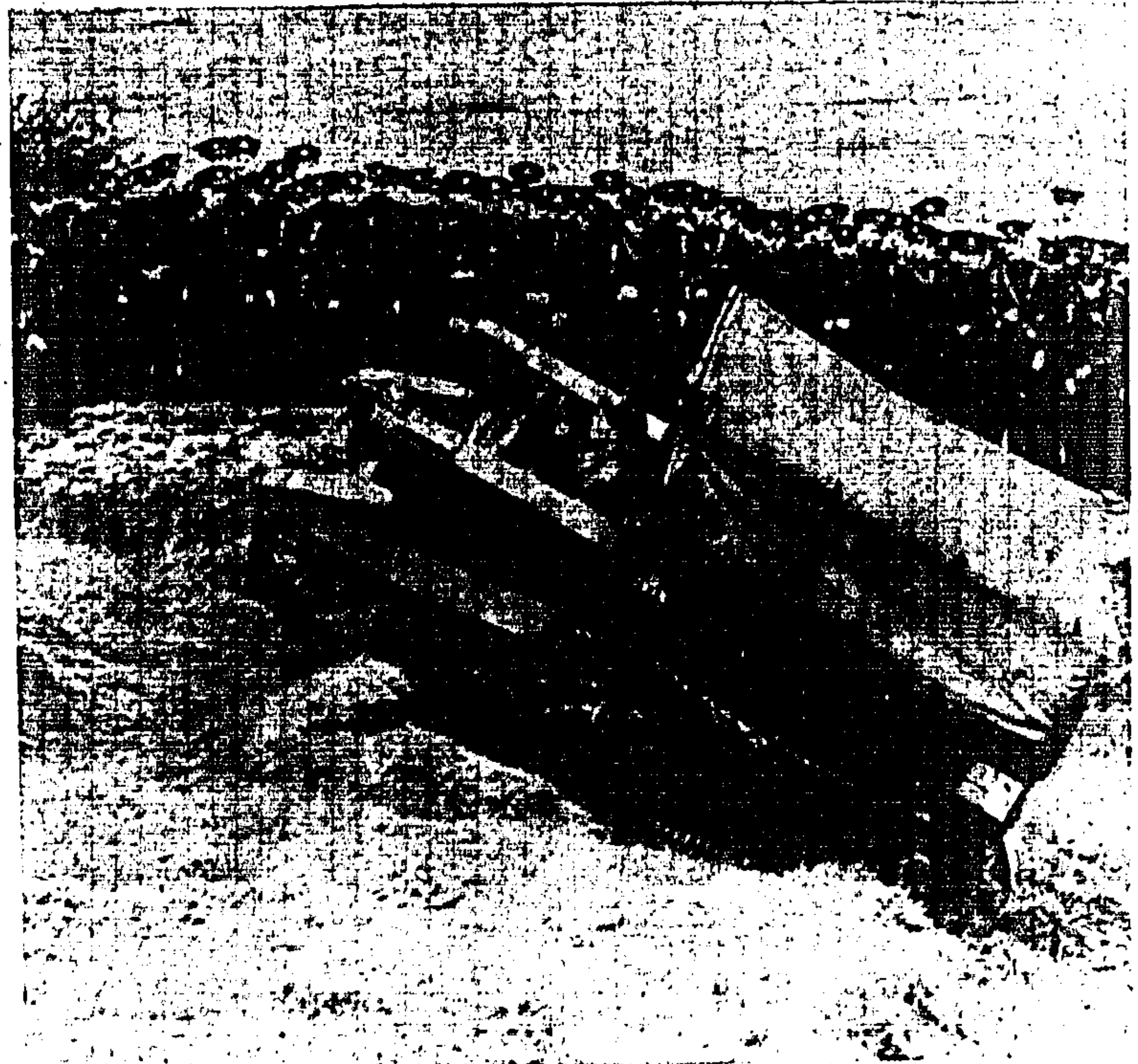
U.S. PROTECTION

Certain African associations, fearing the danger of falling under Axis rule, have it is declared, attempted to invoke the protection of the United States.

They quoted as example America's interest in Liberia, and pleaded for protection against the Nuremberg racial laws.

Thus, although the United States Government disassociates itself officially from territorial questions, there exist certain backward areas which apparently could scarcely become the subject of negotiation without embarrassing the Government.

It is thought, therefore, that Washington is likely to adhere to literal interpretation of the Roosevelt proposals. — Reuter.



Easter week-end saw a lively beginning to the camping season for the Territorials, thousands of whom had their first taste of barrack life under canvas. This picture was taken at Tidworth, where there was one of the biggest musters of "Terriers." It shows men of the Tower Hamlets Rifles, who were guests of the 1st Battalion, the Rifle Brigade, watching a demonstration of a scout carrier. (By Air Mail).

Dr. Lillie Killed Within Few Hours Of Arrival

Shanghai, To-day.

Details have just become available of the fatal accident involving Dr. Bertram Lillie, President of the Lester Institute, yesterday.

Dr. Lillie was driving in Hongkew with his wife as passenger when he collided with a Japanese motor-bus.

Mrs. Lillie was seriously injured and underwent an emergency operation at the General Hospital.

She pleaded in vain to be taken home to attend to her baby who was suffering from whooping cough.

An English police sergeant, R. J. Wimsatt, was also seriously injured, as was a Japanese bluejacket, who for reasons not yet clear, was on the running board.

Dr. Lillie had arrived in Shanghai only a few hours earlier on board the "Gneisenau" after spending leave in England. — Reuter.

EARL OF PERTH LEAVES ROME

London, To-day.

The Earl of Perth, retiring British Ambassador, left Rome yesterday afternoon with Lady Perth and their daughter on return to London.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and other Italian officials were at the station to bid them goodbye.

After some minutes conversation, hand waves were exchanged.

There were also present at the station the entire personnel of the British Embassy and the Consulate-General and representatives from every Embassy and Legation in Rome. — British Wireless.

POPEYE WEDS OLIVE OYL

Popeye the Sailor has won his fair lady, Olive Oyl.

Mr. Jack Mercer, aged twenty-four, who speaks for Popeye in movie cartoons, and Miss Margie Hines, aged twenty-one, who speaks for Olive Oyl, have been married at Fort Lauderdale, says an Associated Press message from Miami.

Wimpy and Swee'pea were not present.

FEWER IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS

The number of refugees in camps decreased by 447 to 11,850 during last week, and the camp at Gill's Cutting has been closed, the remaining inmates having been distributed among other rural camps, principally Kam Tin.

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The National-Socialist party here would not normally be a political factor of any significance.

To-day, however, it cannot be denied that the Nazi movement is a decided element of disquiet in Danish political life, although its actual political influence is still regarded as negligible.

80,000 MEMBERSHIP

It is extremely difficult to give an exact figure for its membership. There is reason to believe, however, that the authorities estimate that there are about 80,000 genuine supporters.

The biggest party is the Clausen party, whose leader is Dr. Fritz Clausen a Danish surgeon of Schleswig. As Schleswig was seized by Germany in 1866 and not restored until the Treaty of Versailles, Dr. Clausen fought in the German Army in the Great War.

It was his statement comparing the situation in Denmark with that in Czechoslovakia just before the German invasion that the Prime Minister called "the talk of a traitor." Dr. Clausen's party got about 17,000 votes at the last general election and is said to have about 30,000 members to-day.

FINANCIAL BACKING

The German Nazi party has about 30,000 followers and one representative in the Danish Parliament, who received 13,000 votes in the last election.

It is believed that the party receives some financial help from a certain group of great Danish land-owners and industrial leaders.

IRAN ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

TEHERAN, TO-DAY.

THE CELEBRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEDDING OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF IRAN AND PRINCESS FAWZIEH OF EGYPT, WHICH BEGAN ON SATURDAY, WERE CONTINUED YESTERDAY.

The heads of special missions, Cabinet Ministers, army officers and other notabilities attended a reception given by President Majless in the Majless Garden.

Later there was a banquet at the Officers' Club.

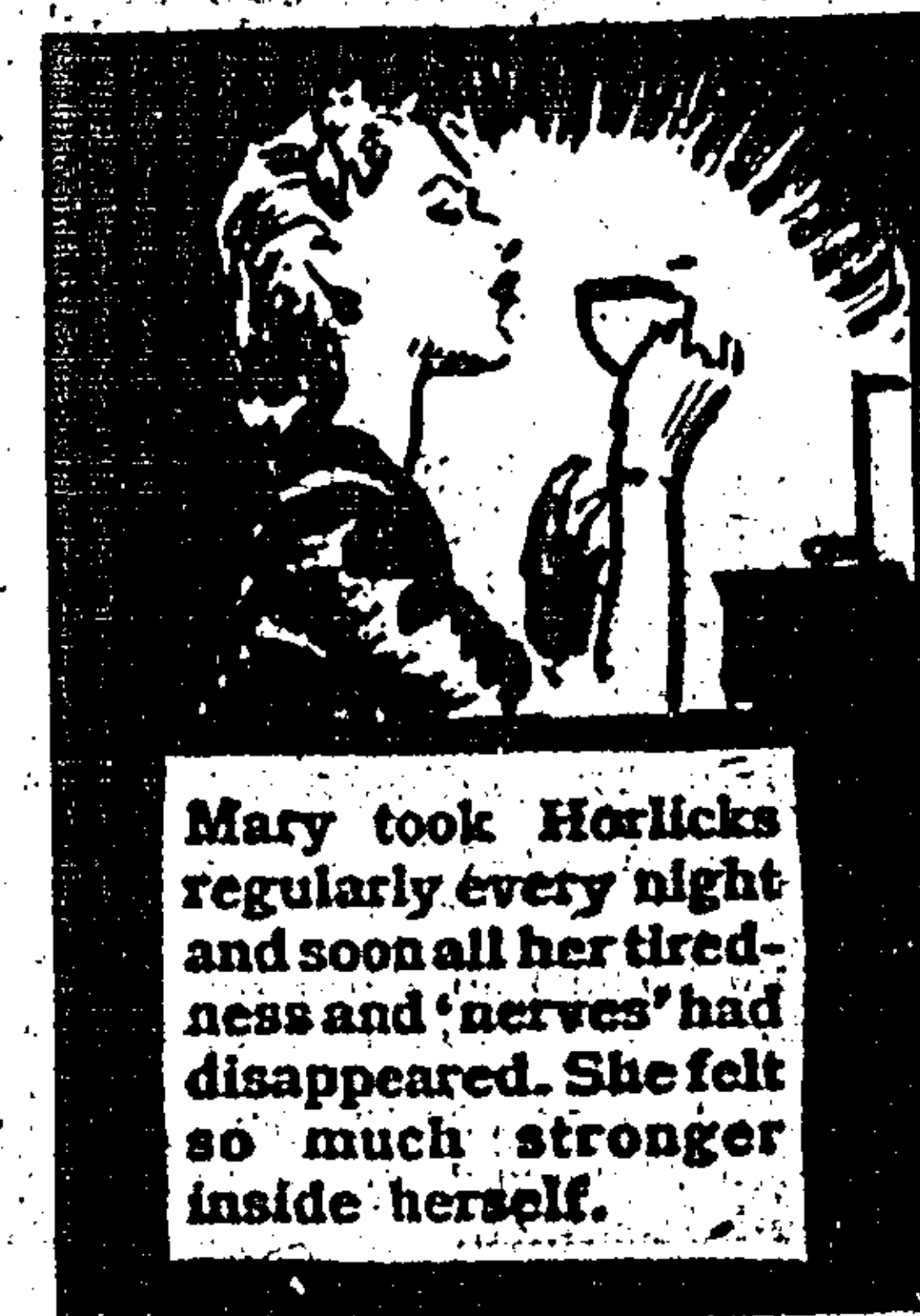
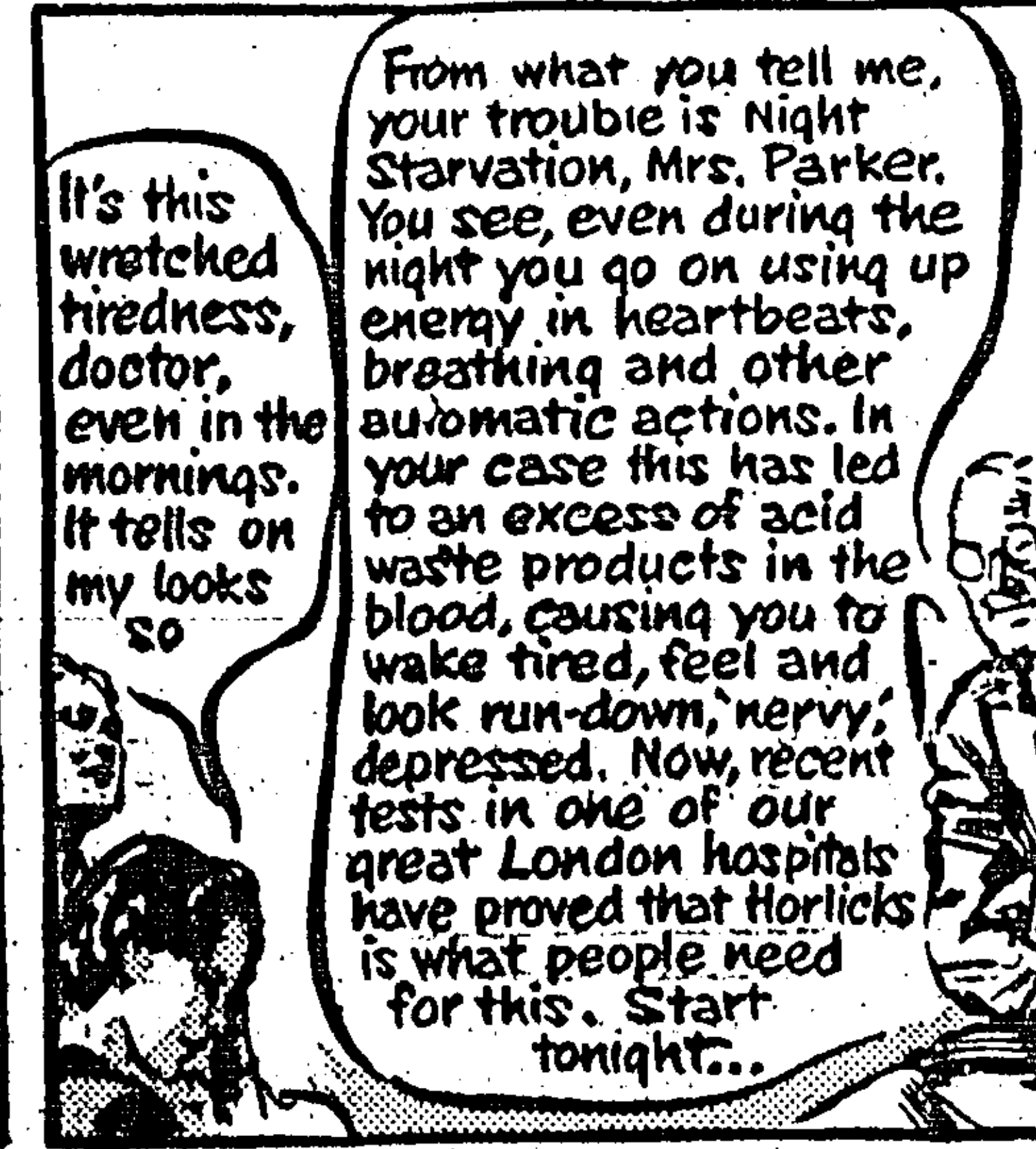
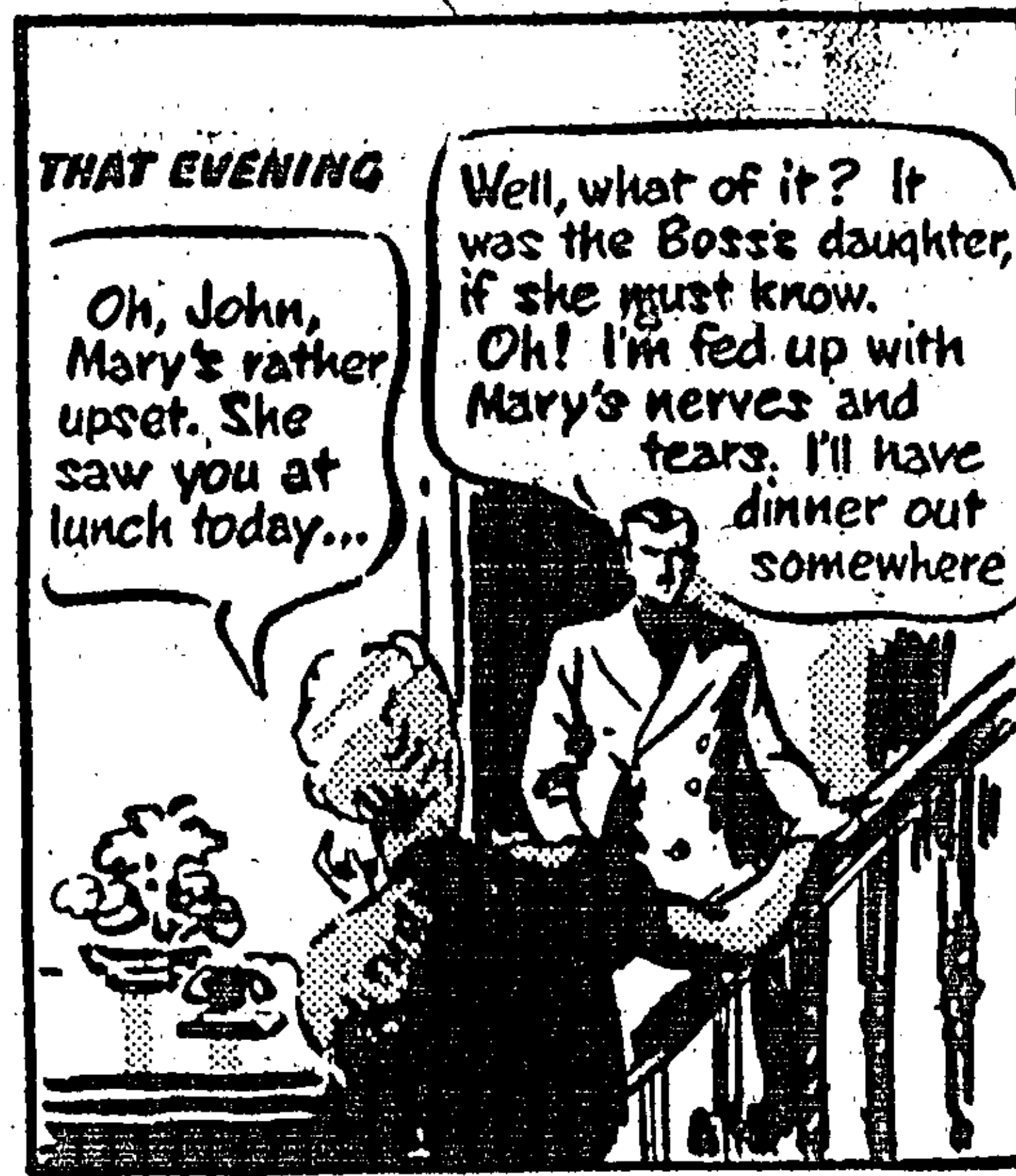
The festivities will reach a climax to-day when the Shah presents the couple with two palaces specially built for them.

One is reserved for the bride's own personal use.—Roder.



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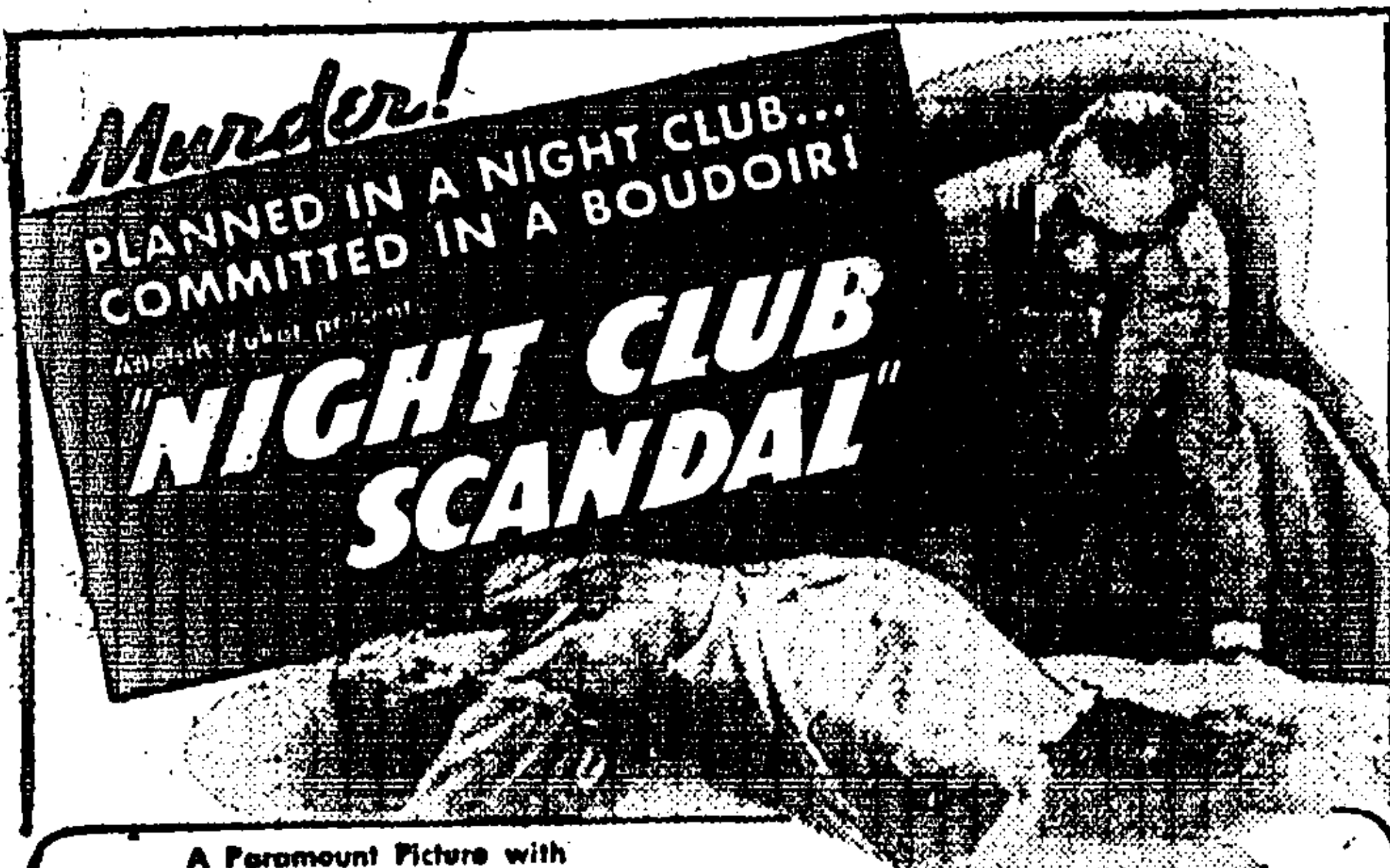


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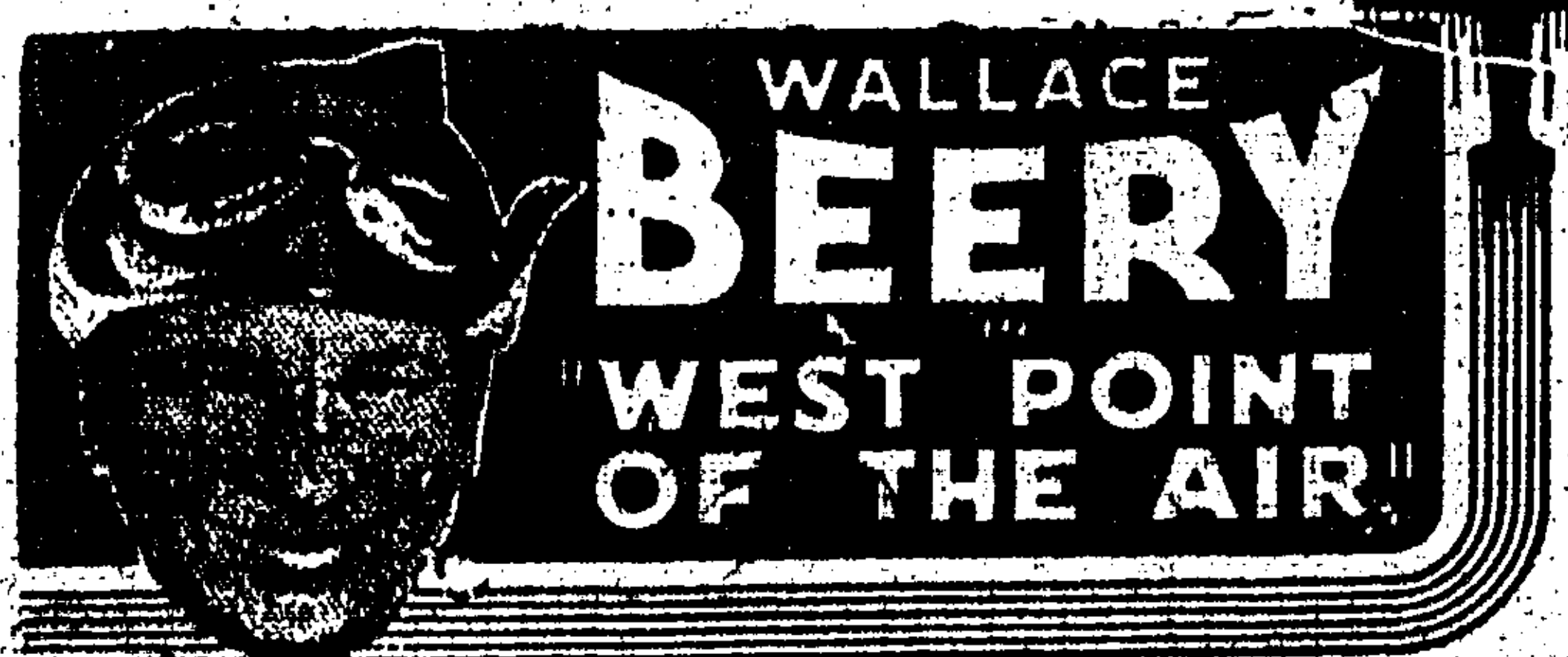
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CAFE MURDER TRIAL

BROTHER'S STORY OF
NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY

EYEWITNESSES GAVE VIVID DESCRIPTIONS AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, OF THE FATAL CHOPPER ATTACK ON A JAPANESE RESIDENT IN A WANCHAI RESTAURANT IN JANUARY, WHEN THE "CAFE MURDER TRIAL" IN WHICH A 22-YEAR-OLD WAITER, LI PING-CHUN, ARRAIGNED FOR THE MURDER OF HIYOSHI SAGARA, WAS RESUMED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

The younger brother of accused broke down in tears when he testified in the witness-box.

The Supreme Court was crowded with listeners among whom were a large number of students of the Chun Shing Institute of Commerce. The Chief Justice on one occasion had to warn the visitors that he would clear the court unless they behaved more quietly and orderly.

Weeping bitterly, Li Yun-yung, brother of accused, said he was a mechanic employed at the Sam Hing Workshop.

A LETTER

In reply to Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, witness said: "A fellow-villager, Wong, came to see me in January. He gave me a letter, for my brother (accused). When I met my brother I told him that Wong had said that my younger brother had been killed and that my aunt had been raped. My brother's face turned red and he said to me 'Do your best and look after our adopted mother'. I returned home and the following day I heard that my brother had been arrested."

Cross-examined by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, who appeared on behalf of the accused, witness said, "The uncle, referred to in the letter, supported my brother (accused) until he was 14 years of age. When my uncle lost all he had in Canton when the Japanese came, my brother (accused) supported him and also my younger brother who was at school in Chung Shan. My brother was upset when he heard the news of the killing and raping. He was not a violent man and I have never heard him doing anything violent. He had a very good character."

Mr. N. C. Laurenciano, assistant proof-reader of the "Hong Kong Daily Press," said that he and a party, consisting of another man, Yeung Siu-ki, and two women, Yu Kwok-ching and Chan Yuk-lan, were having a meal in the Cha Heung Cafe. Witness and party were sitting at the far end table. Witness heard a chopping noise but paid no attention until the sounds of earthenware and crockery being broken were heard. Witness leaned forward and saw a man's head on the bench of the third cubicle, jutting out. Only the head and part of the neck could be seen. Accused was standing about four feet away with a chopper in his right hand.

A COMMOTION

Witness continued: "There was a commotion. The two women screamed and cried and hid behind me. Yeung went forward and grabbed accused from behind and pinned his hands behind his back. Accused dropped the chopper and Yeung released him."

"One of the women, fainted and Yeung returned and carried her out. When we left, I heard accused say 'You need not be afraid. Eat on. Drink on. This has nothing to do with you.'"

"I heard no noise and I did not see any struggling prior to the chopping sounds. I would have noticed if a man in the left side cubicle had left and struggled with accused."

Yeung Siu-ki testified: "At about 11.40 p.m. one of the women shouted and I saw a man being chopped in a cubicle. The assailant was a foki of the cafe, and was using a chopper. I snatched the chopper away from him and ordered him not to move."

The assailant replied, "My family was slaughtered and my sister-in-law was raped."

The assailant said something else but I could not understand. He did not offer any resistance when I grabbed him. I saw that the women had fainted so I carried one of them home.

"I heard no unusual noises prior to the chopping."

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said that he did not hear any

STABBING
INCIDENT AT
MONGKOK

"There are many of these assault cases in Mongkok, and I have been instructed to ask you to take a serious view because complainant might have been seriously injured if stabbed anywhere else than the shoulder. Sometimes there are 5 or 6 of these cases in a day, Your Worship," said Sergt. Rogers this morning, in a case in which Leung Ying, 17, was accused of assaulting Ng Hi, 28.

The prosecution alleged that on Sunday defendant and another man attacked the complainant with a knife.

Au Hing, 32-year-old salesman, stated that he saw complainant, a stranger, being chased by defendant and another man. Both were armed with knives. Defendant, he alleged, finally caught up with complainant and stabbed him in the left shoulder. The defendant then ran into a shop, his friend running away. Complainant called a constable and defendant was arrested.

Defendant alleged that the witness had been paid by complainant's friends to perjure him into prison.

Defendant was fined \$20 or 1 month's hard labour.

clicking sounds of mahjong playing. Accused, he said, appeared normal before the incident.

WOMAN'S STORY

Miss Yu Kwok-ching then entered the witness-box and in reply to Mr. Whyatt said:

"I saw a man sitting with his head down and bleeding. I was frightened and shouted out. The other woman fainted. Yeung ran forward and grabbed the assailant who was holding a chopper. I heard the assailant say 'I am only taking revenge. My whole family had been slaughtered and my sister-in-law had been raped by those people'. I heard no other sounds."

Mrs. Chan Yu-lan testified similarly and said that she was so frightened that she fainted and did not regain consciousness until after she was conveyed home.

A fellow-waiter, Wong Kan, said he heard a woman cry out. He saw Yeung holding accused. Witness was very frightened when he saw blood in the cubicle so he ran towards the door but fainted before he reached it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said four persons were playing mah jong upstairs in the cockpit when the incident occurred.

Pang Tso-kai, manager of the cafe, said accused had a 75 share in the business and worked as a waiter at a salary of \$4 per month. Witness was eating with two friends when his attention was attracted by the cry of a woman. When he looked out he saw the body of a man lying on the bench. Accused was standing nearby. Witness ran out to summon the police.

Before the woman's cry he heard no other unusual sounds.

The case is continuing.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The British authorities are reported to be making representations on behalf of three well-known British business-men who are threatened with expulsion by the Nazis.

It is believed the move is a reprisal for the expulsion of three Germans, alleged to be Gestapo agents, from Britain recently.

One of the three is Mr. John Neill, chief partner in the well-known auditors, Price, Waterhouse and Co. in Berlin.

The other two are Mr. Leslie Parkin, General Manager in Hamburg for the Eastern Telegraph Co. and Mr. Cown Edlinson, a merchant in Hamburg.

They have been informed they must leave Germany by May 10.—Reuter.

OPINION DIVIDED ON VENICE TALKS

London, To-day.

The unexpected return of the British Ambassador to Berlin is prominently featured by the press.

The Conservative organs were inclined to refrain from any comment in expectation of the declaration which the Prime Minister gave to the House of Commons.

Much attention is devoted to the visit of the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, to London, although owing to the strict silence maintained by official quarters, political correspondents are largely confined to speculation.

Opinion on the results of the Venice talks between the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, is rather divided.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that the agreement reached in Venice is not of far-reaching importance. It is taken as significant that Yugoslavia has not yet joined the anti-Comintern front.

The "Daily Mail" refers to the State visit of Prince Paul of Yugoslavia to Rome which is fixed for next month.

The "Daily Telegraph" publishes a report from Warsaw to the effect that the Polish Government may anticipate the Fuehrer's speech on Friday next by making a declaration on the Danzig question before that date.—Trans-Ocean.



THREATENING MESSAGE TO "CHINA MAIL"

Sir,—With reference to your publication in to-day's "China Mail" under the headline: "Local Nazi's Threatening Message to 'China Mail'", I would like to draw your attention to the well-known fact that Germans living in foreign and overseas countries have been repeatedly warned by the Fuehrer and his authorised representatives not to interfere in any way in the politics and the public life of the country offering them hospitality, but always to remember that they are guests in a foreign country.

I am, therefore, fully convinced that Letter One quoted in your paper to-day, was not written by a member of the loyal German Community in Hong Kong, every one of whom sharply condemns any such behaviour of persons cowardly hiding behind anonymousness.

I think that you will agree with me that to publicly lay the blame for a foolish and tactless act of such unknown persons at the door of the "Nazis" is not justifiable.

Letter Two in your paper also being an anonymous communication is to be valued accordingly.

I am, Sir
Yours faithfully,
OSCAR MAY

[With or without the Fuehrer's best, we need no assurance that the vast majority of members of the German community in Hong Kong are much too sensible to be capable of such "heroics."

Had Letter One been the first of its kind, no notice would have been taken. It represented however but one of a series recently received, all in the same vein, and publication was recommended as a discouragement.

The cumulative evidence, to our mind, identified the author as a local Nazi. If we are wrong, and we admit the possibility, there is but one alternative, that the author of the threats is an Italian, using Nazi symbolism, the swastika, for instance, for shelter.

The value of Letter Two is, of course, primarily a matter of opinion.—Ed. C. M.]

NEW COTTON PLAN TO BE CHALLENGED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE NEW COTTON PLAN IS EXPECTED TO MEET POWERFUL OPPOSITION FROM THE COTTON BLOC IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

This bloc has already formulated a counter-plan based on Secretary of Agriculture Wallace's cotton utilisation theory for a wider use of cotton.

As to the subsidy plan announced by Senator Bankhead, it is pointed out that it is not likely to reduce loan stocks unless there is a sharp rise in the price of cotton.—Reuter.

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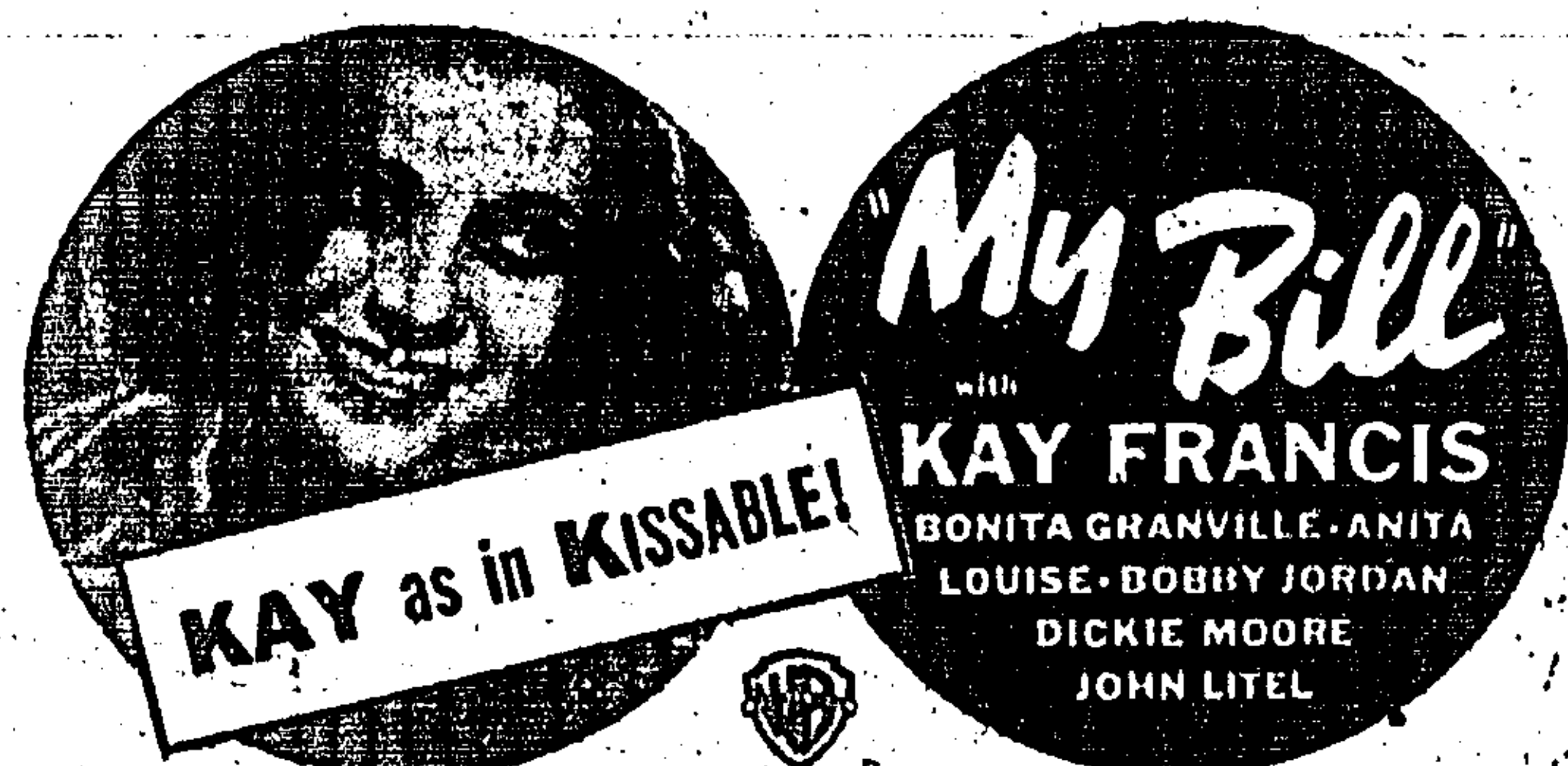
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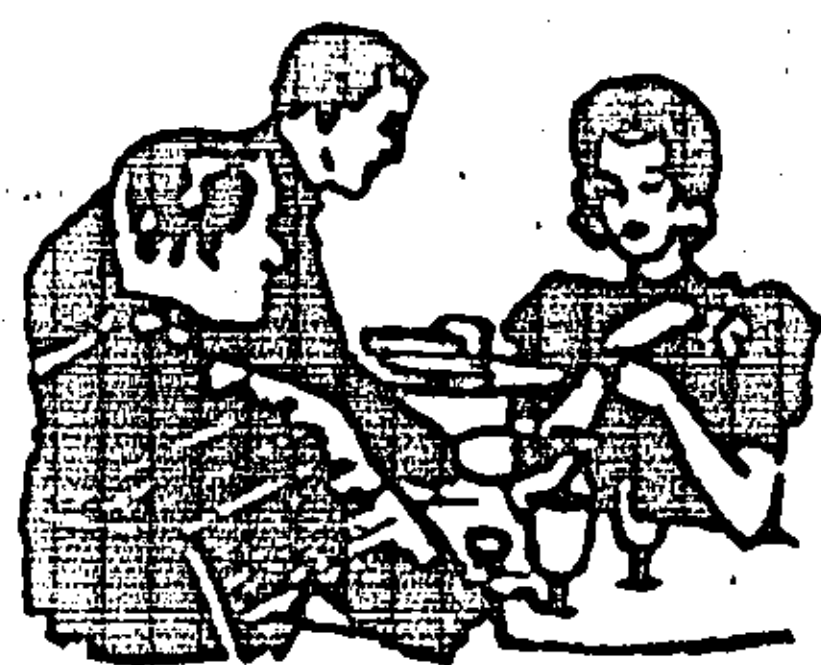
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WALKING HEROIN FACTORY ON A BUS

Informed by Revenue Officer Ahearne that the S.I.E. took a serious view of the case, Mr. E. Himsworth this morning fined a woman, Cheng Tai, charged with possession of heroin powder, \$2,500 or 6 months and an additional 12 months without the option of a fine. Defendant was a passenger aboard a bus on route No. 9, and a Chinese female searcher found three packets containing gum tragacanth, caffeine, quinine, aspirin and vanillin, all ingredients in the preparation of heroin pills, and a packet containing 2 ounces of heroin powder, enough to manufacture 25,000 pills, tied to her waist.

R. O. Ahearne stated that it was suspected that the ingredients were destined for some heroin factory in the New Territories.

ROAD WAS CLEAR

Mr. H. O. Melchior, of No. 4 Shouson Hill, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for speeding in Queen's Road East, on April 4.

Traffic Sergeant Campbell said defendant was driving at 24 m.p.h., but the road was clear.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. Melchior of the American

ADVANCE ON CANTON

Chungking, To-day.
According to reports received here, the Chinese troops in Kwangtung have recaptured Hsinkai on the Canton-Hankow Railway, and are now advancing on Canton, in close co-operation with other units, which are pushing forward east and west of Canton.—Trans-Ocean

CLOUDY, WARMER

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone continues moving eastward and is now centred over the Pacific to the south of Japan. The northern depression is moving eastward over South Manchuria.

Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking and Siam. Local forecast: — E. to S. E. winds, moderate; cloudy, warmer.

Caught by an Indian constable after snatching an earring from a woman in Shanghai Street, yesterday afternoon, Li Yuk-sing, 25, was this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour and eight strokes by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.

Lloyd was fined \$2, for parking over time in Pedder Street, on April 1.

HONG KONG RESIDENTS MAY SEND A TELEGRAM FREE ON MAY 1

London, To-day.

Mr. Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Cable and Wireless, yesterday announced the inauguration of a new inter-Empire "social message" service. From May 1, messages of a social character may be sent at a charge of 5/- for 12 words.

The scheme covers the whole Empire, including mandated territories, with the temporary exception of India, Burma, Canada, the Sudan and Trans-Jordan.

The new service will be introduced in the original manner of offering a "social message" free of charge to every man, woman and child throughout the Empire on May 1. — Reuter.

To inaugurate the new service in Hong Kong, on May 1st, residents may send a twelve-word Social Telegram free of charge to anywhere in the British Empire (with a few exceptions). Hand it in at either of the offices of Cable & Wireless, Ltd., Electra House, No. 3, Connaught Road, Central, or No. 67, Jervois Street. After May 1st, the rate for the new service will be \$4.00 for twelve words, and 33-1/3 cents for each additional word.

BRITAIN TO REINFORCE DEFENCES IN EGYPT

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

THE "STATE OF IMMEDIATE DANGER" MENTIONED IN THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY IS REGARDED AS NOW PREVAILING IN EGYPT, IT IS STATED HERE. THE BRITISH AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVING AGREED ON THIS IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

The significance of this lies in the fact that when both nations agree that this state prevails, England is automatically authorised to increase the strength of her garrisons in Egypt to a point above the normal.

Extensive reinforcements have already been sent to Egypt.

Referring to this provision in the treaty, the Egyptian Premier, Mohammed Pasha Mahmoud declared before the Chamber and the Senate last evening that Egypt "in collaboration with her great British ally" had undertaken the necessary steps to strengthen national defence.

Britain, he stated, had pledged herself to send adequate land, sea and air forces to defend Egypt against any aggressor.

Characterising these steps as a "contribution towards a relaxation in tension," the Premier concluded by stating that Egypt is now in a position to defend all of her frontiers, but that she is nevertheless grateful for every declaration guaranteeing her independence.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY FIGHTING AT SUNWUI

SHIUHUNG, TO-DAY.

FIGHTING FOR SUNWUI IS RAGING WITH GREAT VIOLENCE. THE CITY HAS CHANGED HANDS SEVERAL TIMES.

The Japanese launched a land, naval and air attack on the Chinese positions outside the north city gate at noon yesterday.

While fighting was in progress, Japanese troops were sent in steam boats along the river to attack the Chinese rear. Chinese troops on the banks prevented them from landing. After the arrival of reinforcements, Japanese assaults around Kongmoon have been intensified. The Chinese are stubbornly resisting.

On the Canton-Hankow Railway the Chinese are still attacking Kongstun, about ten miles north of Canton. The Japanese in Sunkai, 17 miles north of Canton, are reported to have all been driven off.—Central News.

FRENCH GIVE WARNING TO JAPAN

Chungking, To-day.

It is learned that the French authorities have warned the Japanese government against further flights by Japanese warplanes over French Indo-China.

The warning was given after Chinese notification that the Japanese planes which raided Mengtaz in Yunnan and attacked the No. 19 Eurasia plane on April 13 took off from Welchow Island south of Pakhoi, cut across French territory to penetrate into Yunnan.—Central News.

SPECIAL PLANE FOR MINISTERS

Tokyo, To-day.

A special eight-passenger aeroplane has been provided for the use of the Japanese Ministers, it is announced.

The plane is soundproof and will enable Ministers to confer while travelling between cities.

Instrumental in acquiring it was the Japanese Minister of Transportation, M. Harumichi Togo.

The machine is a monoplane of the Parasol type, is powered with two 450 horsepower motors and has a cruising speed of 300 kilometres per hour over a radius of 8,000 kilometres.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. BUTLER HAS NO ANSWER TO PARADOX

Intensive Military Activity At Gibraltar: No Fears

Premier's "Explanation" Of Henderson Return

London, To-day.

According to the Government's information the recent movements of Spanish troops near Gibraltar had been the natural consequences of measures of demobilisation taken by the Spanish Government, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Asked if it was necessary to despatch reinforcements to Gibraltar, and if there was no significance in sending them, Mr. Butler made no reply.

Asked about the widening of Number 1 dock at Gibraltar, Lt.-Colonel J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, stated that all possible steps had already been taken to secure earliest completion of the work, which was proceeding day and night.

Asked to what extent the Government was interested in maintenance of the status quo in the international zone at Tangier, Mr. Butler said the Government considered maintenance of the present regime a matter of great importance.

Asked whether any representations had been made to the Italian Government regarding the retention in Spain of large forces after the cessation of hostilities, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "No."

The Government, he added, trust that no such representations are necessary.

BEING WATCHED
Asked whether there was a possibility of their retention beyond May 15, Mr. Chamberlain declared the situation was being watched with very close attention.

Referring to his recent visits to European countries, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated that trade negotiations with the Soviet would be inaugurated in Britain fairly shortly.

His negotiations in Poland were successful in clearing up difficulties, and no further negotiations were in contemplation.

NO SIGNIFICANCE
Replying to Mr. C. R. Attlee (Labour), Mr. Chamberlain declared there was no special significance in Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin.

The Ambassador was called back to report and after he had made his report he was given a short period of leave.

After expiry of his leave, Sir Neville Henderson went back in the normal course of duty.

Asked if Sir Neville's return meant that the Government accepted the annexation of Czecho-Slovakia, Mr. Chamberlain said: "Certainly not."—*Reuter*.

PREMIER'S PERSONAL INITIATIVE

London, To-day.

The sudden return of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, is declared by well-inform-

ed London political circles to be due to the personal initiative of the Premier Mr. Chamberlain, who in view of the possibility of a serious crisis in the nearest future thought it advisable to have the British Ambassador present in Berlin.

It is asserted that Mr. Chamberlain turned down the objections to a sudden return of Sir Neville Henderson to Berlin raised by Lord Halifax by pointing out that after Hitler's speech on April 28, British public opinion might make a return of the British Ambassador to Berlin impossible for a long time.

EARLY MOVE

Diplomatic quarters believe that Sir Neville immediately after his arrival in Berlin will in the name of the British Government get in touch with the German Government in order to avoid a further worsening of relations between Britain and Germany.

No details are available yet of what the special orders are which Sir Neville Henderson had received for negotiations with the German Government.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Mr. Chamberlain (adds British Wireless) later said that the Government had not decided to recognise what had been done in Albania.

REJECTION OF ARAB PLAN

Cairo, To-day.

The British answer to the latest Arab proposals for solution of the Palestine problem was submitted to the delegation by the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson, it is reliably reported.

Arab circles intimate that the British answer was a complete rejection.—*Trans-Ocean*.

ANOTHER RADIO TRANSMITTER CASE

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning with possession of radio sending apparatus without a licence.

The men were remanded for a week on bail of \$1,000 each.

CHURCHILL FAVOURS CONSCRIPTION

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill was given an enthusiastic reception at an open air meeting in the City of London yesterday in connection with the recruiting campaign for the Territorial Army.

After a few words of introduction by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Churchill delivered a speech strongly emphasising the necessity of compulsory service which, he hoped, would be introduced very shortly.—*Trans-Ocean*.

SOCIETIES SUPPRESSED IN ALSACE

Paris, To-day.

Two of the French decrees announced on Saturday pertain to Alsatian organisations and to anti-Semitic agitation in France.

Three Alsatian groups, the "National Educational Society," the "Erwin von Steinbach League" and the "Youth Group" are dissolved by the first decree for carrying on anti-national propaganda.

The decree provides for a sharp penalty for persons who receive money from foreign countries for the purpose of carrying on anti-national propaganda in France.

The second decree is directed against endeavours to stir up religious or racial hatred in France.—*Trans-Ocean*.

SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SOUTH-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED THE LAW COMBINING THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND SOUTH WEST AFRICAN POLICE FORCES AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION. IT IS REPORTED FROM CAPE TOWN.

In reply to the opposition contention that nothing had happened in South West Africa, the Minister of Justice, General Smuts, declared that the sending of police detachments had had the desired effect.

The police would be withdrawn, he declared, when the situation rendered this advisable. Had the Government neglected its duty, military measures would perhaps have been necessary at a later date, he concluded.—*Trans-Ocean*.

London, To-day.

The new Australian Government has taken the first steps towards installing a Munitions Ministry and appointing a Munitions Minister, it is reported from Melbourne.—*Trans-Ocean*.

ANTI-POLISH CAMPAIGN MAINTAINED

Warsaw, To-day.

"The wave of Polish terrorism against Germans living in territories ceded to Poland in 1919, especially in Upper Silesia," is still continuing, according to reports.

Numerous Germans, it is alleged, were molested by groups of Poles in Cattowice on Monday, "many of the agitators appearing as though they had been sent to the district especially to stir up trouble."

The 60-years-old distributor of the German paper "Kattowitzer Zeitung," Paul Zobalka, was set upon by a band of twenty Poles and severely beaten. The assailants then burned his papers and disappeared.

"A thirteen-year-old youth was set upon by a crowd in Bismarckhuette because he spoke German in a shop. He was finally left unconscious in the street. Persons wishing to intercede were held back at pistol-point."

Three other Germans in Cattowice were also molested for speaking German, but "the police in no case appeared in time to apprehend the assailants."

From Koenigshuette it is reported that the windows of the German school at Eichendorf were smashed.—*Trans-Ocean*.

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

London, To-day.

The British Mediterranean fleet which departed from Malta yesterday will visit harbours in Greece, Cyprus, Palestine and Egypt before beginning manoeuvres in the eastern Mediterranean, it is officially declared.

The Home Fleet will assemble in Portland on April 28 and 29, and except for those ships that escort H.M.S. Repulse bearing the King and Queen to America, will engage in target practice near Portland.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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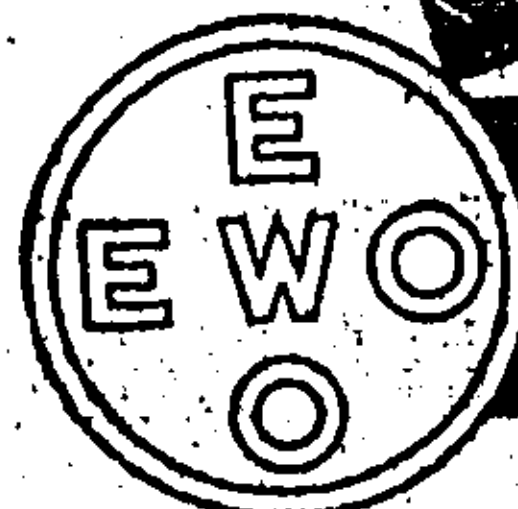
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

CHUCKAWALLA PETE

WILL HARPER, whom I was visiting at his desert ranch near Redstone, pointed proudly at the pretentious looking white stucco building. Over the doorway was a sign reading: Brainard Free School for Boys and Girls. Easily the building was the grandest thing of its kind for miles around.

"That's it," Will said. "That's the school that Chuckawalla Pete Brainard donated to Redstone county. As you know, the institution is heavily endowed. You'll not find a finer teaching staff anywhere in the West, nor better equipment. We're mighty proud of that school."

I had been doing some historical research in connection with the earlier development of the southwest and the name Chuckawalla Pete seemed a familiar note.

"Wasn't there a Chuckawalla Pete who was a desperado in this earlier days?" I asked.

"The same," Will admitted. He grinned, rolled himself a cigarette and we squatted in the shade of a Joshua tree. "I'll tell you about him. Chuckawalla Pete was a victim of circumstances. His father was one of the most ruthless outlaws the West had ever known. The old man was caught and hung when Pete was in his early

"The sheriff, a new one, and his posse chased Pete and his gang to the narrow pass that led to the hideout. There the officers were met by a fusillade of bullets and took shelter.

"The sheriff a gent name Tabor, sent out men to reconnoitre and it wasn't long before the law discovered it was going to be no easy task to route out the outlaws. The sheriff, however, was a determined man. He decided to lay siege. He sent men back for supplies, made camp, and settled down to a long wait.

"Inside the valley Chuckawalla and his men did likewise. They had supplies enough to last them two months, and they figured that by then the sheriff's posse would have decided they couldn't afford to stay away from their jobs any longer.

"A week, two, three passed. Both sides were getting uneasy. There had been skirmishes, but no serious damage was done. Chuckawalla realised his men couldn't stand the inertia much longer. They were called for a showdown. Instead of giving in, however, Chuckawalla handed them shovels and set them to work digging around likely looking places in the valley.

"Three days later Chuckawalla and one of his henchmen struck colour.

By Vic Yardman

teens. The boy's mother had died in childbirth.

"Naturally folks rather expected Pete to follow in his father's footsteps. The local sheriff promised him the same treatment his father had received at the first suspicious move. But young Pete didn't want to be a desperado. He wanted to be a law-abiding ranch owner, and he felt if it hadn't been for his old man he could have done just that.

"Pete, he knew, was against him. He knew he'd never have a chance to live an honest man's life in Redstone unless a miracle happened, so he lit out. Trained up north and settled in Rawson, fifty miles away. Fifty miles was a long ways then. Pete didn't think his past would catch up with him. But it did. A Redstone citizen drifted into Rawson one day, saw Pete and warned the citizens. From that point on Pete lost caste. He was watched like a hawk.

"So Pete got sore. All right, if that's the way they felt about him, he'd give them something to worry about. So he went back to Redstone, which town he actually loved, and formed a gang of desperadoes. He was the boss and he didn't allow the gang to pull any jobs until all the details were ironed out.

"The chief detail was arranging for a getaway. Pete searched the hills and found a rendezvous where he and his men could hide. The place was practically impregnable. A handful of men could stand off the United States army.

"Pete brought in supplies and ammunition and stored them in the valley. Then he made a speech to his men. The next day they held up the Redstone bank and got away with \$10,000, cash money.

Even with their inexperienced eyes they realised that the deposit was rich beyond their wildest dreams. Now, here was a situation. What good could that gold possibly do them under the circumstances?

"Chuckawalla got to thinking. The next day he sent a man out under a flag of truce to talk with Sheriff Tabor. The man said that Chuckawalla would agree to give back the \$10,000 they'd taken from the bank if the sheriff would agree to let them go free.

"Tabor jumped at the chance. His posse was rebellious. In another couple of days they would have quit. He put the matter up to the bank officials, who agreed wholeheartedly to the deal.

"So the gang was called off. Chuckawalla and his gang rode out of the hills, gave back the cash and became free men. A few weeks later Chuckawalla, having lost his claim, brought in an engineer representing a large syndicate. The engineer made his report and the syndicate offered Chuckawalla \$200,000 for the gold mine.

"Pete and his gang sold out and split the proceeds. At first the citizens of Redstone were pretty sore, but there was nothing they could do, and when a man suddenly becomes rich, honestly, overnight, folk's opinion of him change mighty quick. Chuckawalla's gang left for parts unknown. Chuckawalla, now a respected citizen, remained in Redstone and went into the cattle business. In as many years he had troubled his small fortune. Just before he died he had this school built and gave it to the county, dedicating it to boys and girls who might have had to start out in life with his handbag—and to whom the miracles weren't likely to happen."

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Wilson's Fourteen Points

Issue Raised In Article On Roosevelt Message

REJECTION BY GERMANY AGAIN PREDICTED

Berlin, To-day.

EXAMINING President Roosevelt's message in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," the editor, Dr. Halfeld, says that if Germany doubts the suitability of Mr. Roosevelt to play the part of "honest broker," this is due to the recollections of intervention over 20 years ago of another President of the United States in European affairs which he professedly desired to resettle on the basis of international morality and justice.

Dr. Halfeld points out that if Wilson's famous fourteen points had been fulfilled, "there would never have been an economic boycott or unilateral disarmament of Germany, there would have been no robbery of the German colonies, no prevention of Austria's Anschluss to the German Reich, no violent separation of millions of Germans elsewhere from their motherland."

Dr. Halfeld contests that the 14 points constituted merely a personal promise by Pres. Wilson which the Allies subsequently declined to ratify and argues that, on the contrary, they represented a binding agreement on all Allied Powers as proved by the exchange of notes between the German Government and President Wilson prior to the Armistice.

ESTHONIAN IMPLIED PACT WITH POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Esthonian army, General Laidoner, who has concluded a six days' official visit to Warsaw, declared yesterday before leaving that although Poland and Esthonia are not bound by any treaty, nevertheless there is complete agreement between the two countries.

The General stated that in course of his conversations with Marshal Rydz-Smigly and the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, he found that his views on the relations between Poland and Esthonia were entirely shared by the Polish Statesmen.

General Laidoner further stressed that his impressions of the existing international situation were similar to those of the Finnish and Latvian Governments.

The General spoke highly of the Polish army and of the development of Polish armament industries and remarked on the firm determination of the Polish Government to pursue an independent policy and to defend the country against any attack from whatever quarter it might come.

The General stressed that this was also the standpoint of Esthonia who was about to construct a submarine flotilla for the defence of her shores. — Trans-Ocean.

BRUSHED ASIDE

According to Dr. Halfeld, it is incontestable that the peace treaty was to embody the principles enunciated in the fourteen points and the peace conference was to be confined to settling the practical details of the application of those principles.

In reality, the 14 points were brushed aside entirely at the conference.

Dr. Halfeld concludes by saying that President Roosevelt must be fully aware of all the circumstances since he was Undersecretary of State in the Navy Department and a member of Wilson's War Cabinet at the time of the armistice and of the negotiations which preceded it. — Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN TRADE

Rome, To-day.

The Italian foreign trade balance for the first quarter of 1939 reveals a decided improvement over the same period of last year.

Imports were 2.4 milliard lire as compared with 3.14 milliard last year and exports were 2.43 milliard, compared with 2.53 milliard in 1938. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH MEXICO

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said in the Commons that although preliminary conversations had recently taken place between the Mexican Government and representatives of the appropriated oilfields, there had been no development in the situation to justify His Majesty's Government taking steps for resumption of diplomatic relations with Mexico. — British Wireless.

RESTORATION OF ORDER IN PALESTINE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

RESTORATION OF ORDER IN PALESTINE PROCEEDS STEADILY AND SUCH TERRORIST BANDS AS STILL REMAIN ARE SMALL AND SCATTERED AND AVOID CAREFULLY ANY ENCOUNTER WITH THE MILITARY.

Sniping still occasionally occurs but terrorist activities are now much hampered by recent captures of arms and munitions and by the growing hostility of villagers towards bandits who pillage the countryside in pretext that they are protecting the interests of the Arabs.

In some regions, such as Jericho, there has been no shooting at all since March 28, on which date a military billet was sniped without any damage to the troops. — British Wireless.

The chef of the Gloucester Hotel has reported that a fountain pen and cigarette case, valued at \$26, were stolen from his jacket pocket in the V.R.C. yesterday.

GERMAN POLICY IN THE BALKANS

Berlin, To-day.

Commenting on the forthcoming visit to Berlin of the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Boersen Zeitung" says that the Yugoslav guest will find in Berlin an "unshakable, friendly and positive conception of the mutual relations of the two countries as well as determination not to allow those relations to be disturbed by anything or anyone but on contrary to deepen them, both politically and economically."

The paper goes on to observe that the Balkan bloc desired by Britain cannot be realised without the participation of Yugoslavia and that it will, consequently, not be realised at all.

To believe the contrary would, according to the paper, be to suppose that at the very moment when Yugoslavia is about to reach a lasting agreement with Hungary, following the establishment of cordial relations with Germany and Italy, the Yugoslav Government would be prepared to substitute for this policy of "independence in co-operation with Yugoslavia's neighbours" a policy which would expose it to the risk of becoming again a victim of foreign interests.

Germany, in her relations with the Balkan States is inspired by a positive conception of the independence of those States whereas for "certain distant Powers" Yugoslavia is interesting merely as a link in a chain designed to encircle Germany and Italy. — Trans-Ocean.

PACT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THE "DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG" STATES THAT THE PROJECTED VISIT OF M. MARKOVICH, THE YUGOSLAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, TO HUNGARY WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN MAY.

It is believed that a Yugoslavian-Hungarian non-aggression pact may be signed.

In Venice, when informed that Hungary would be willing to sign this pact, M. Markovitch is stated to have signified that Yugoslavia would also be prepared. Hungary will not make any territorial demands, but will ask for guarantees concerning the treatment of Hungarian minorities in Yugoslavia. — Trans-Ocean.

LEFT WITH THE BABY

Wong Chung, 50, fisherman, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with obtaining a credit, by fraud from the San Fa Chow Restaurant, No. 61, Island Road, yesterday.

Sergeant Estall told the Court that at about 10 p.m. last night, defendant and two others, went into the restaurant, and ordered a dinner valued at \$3.44. The other two went away. At 1 a.m. this morning, when the shop was closing down, defendant was asked to pay the bill. He had no money in his possession.

A fine of \$10 and four months' imprisonment.



A new trade agreement between France and Rumania, giving big advantages to France, was signed in Paris on March 31. The treaty was an answer to German efforts to monopolize trade in Rumania. In the photo are M. George Tatarascu (Rumanian Ambassador in Paris), who is signing the treaty, M. Gentin (Minister of Commerce) and M. Georges Bonnet (Foreign Minister). The picture was taken in a salon at the Quai d'Orsay, the French Foreign Office. (By AP MAIL)



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A STORY OF CONCESSIONS

The Czech Government, however, once more gave way to the demands of the Sudeten German party in this matter. . . . Henlein and Frank presented a new series of demands. (From the Runciman report.)

Speaking of his conversation with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden after his flight there, the Prime Minister said Herr Hitler "made it plain that the Sudeten Germans must have the right of self-determination." (Associated Press dispatch).

When I Got back to Godesberg, I thought I had only to discuss quietly with him the various proposals already submitted. I was shocked when, at the beginning of the conversations, he said these proposals were not acceptable and that there were other proposals which I had not contemplated at all. (Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in an address before the House of Commons).

Having sanctioned the immediate German occupation of more Sudeten territory than Chancellor Adolf Hitler demanded in his famous Godesberg ultimatum, the conference of ambassadors sitting in Berlin to implement the "peace of Munich" decided to-night to abandon the project of holding plebiscites in disputed areas. (From a dispatch to the New York Times).

Adolf Hitler took possession of Bohemia and Moravia to-day [March 15], personally following his gray-clad Nazi troops into Prague. (Associated Press dispatch).

An intelligent victor will, whenever possible, present his de-

mands to the vanquished in installments. He can then be sure that a nation which has become characterless—and such is every one which voluntarily submits—will no longer find any sufficient reason in each of these detailed oppressions to take to arms once more. The more extortions thus cheerfully accepted, however, the more unjustified does it seem to people finally to set about defending themselves against some new, apparently isolated, although really constantly recurring, oppression, especially if, taking everything together, so much more and greater misfortune has been borne silently and tolerantly without doing so. (Adolf Hitler in "Mein Kampf.")

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The School for Bombast

The aged grows inured to the proclamations of dictators and their roaring rhetoric, but one cannot help feeling that they have not yet reached the grandiloquence of some of their predecessors. Thus Chosroes, the Sassanian King of Persia, addressed Heraclius, the Emperor of Byzantium, in A.D. 616:

Chosroes, greatest of gods and master of the whole earth, to Heraclius, his vile and insensate slave. Why do you still refuse to submit to our rule, and call yourself a king? Have I not destroyed the Greeks? You say that you trust in your God. Why has he not delivered out of my hand Caesarea, Jerusalem, and Alexandria? And shall I not also destroy Constantinople? But I will pardon your faults if you will submit to me, and come hither with your wife and children; and I will give you lands, vineyards, and olive groves, and look upon you with a kindly aspect. Even if you take refuge in the depths of the seas, I shall stretch out my hand and take you, so that you shall see me, whether you will or no.

Herr Hitler has still a long way to go.

Perhaps, however, the quaintest of all such "diplomatic documents" was that of Duke Paulus, a Roman soldier who rebelled against his liege-lord Wamba, King of the Visigoths in Spain, and sent him the following challenge, A.D. 673:—

In the name of God, Flavius Paulus, the mighty King of the East, greets Wamba, the King of the West. If thou hast traversed the rough, unpeopled waste of the mountains; if thou hast burst through woods and thickets like some strong lion; if thou hast tamed the swiftness of the wild goat and the bounding stag and the ravaging boar and bear; if thou hast cast out the poison of snake and adder—then make thyself known to me, thou man of arms, lord of the woods, and lover of the rocks. Wherefore, great King, stir up thy heart, come down to the passes of the Pyrenees, and there thou shalt find an athlete.

The ultimatum is not what it was; the decline is deplorable. Those who issue them disturb all our breakfast tables as it is; the least they could do is to see that their style, robust in the grand old manner, compensates a little for the shock they cause.

AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY WARNING TO HITLER

Youth Takes The Helm

Melbourne, To-day.

Exclusion of the Country Party led by Sir Earle Page from the new Australian Cabinet, follows the grave split a week ago.

The new Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, stated that a new department of supply and development was to assist in the organisation of defence, in which it was necessary for industry to make adequate plans to preserve Australian economy in the face of blockade or interruption of trade.

Pointing out that the majority of Ministers in the new Cabinet were comparatively young, Mr. Menzies said the future rested largely on the shoulders of youth. —Reuter.

PREMIER STILL CAUTIOUS OVER SOVIET TALKS

London, To-day.

Answering a number of questions relating to the British negotiations with Russia and Turkey, the Prime Minister said that the Government were maintaining close touch with other Governments, including those of Turkey and Russia, but that he was not yet in a position to add to his previous statement.

Asked whether he would say whether it was likely that the Commons would have a statement before the German Chancellor addressed the Reichstag, Mr. Chamberlain said he could not say more and that he did not think it desirable to make premature statements on negotiations which were still in progress. —British Wireless.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATION ON FORMOSA

Swatow, To-day.

Concentration of Japanese troops in Formosa has given rise to rumours of an imminent invasion of Swatow.

Well-informed circles, however, believe that at least part of these Japanese troops are intended to be sent to Canton as reinforcements.

A British gunboat and several United States vessels are anchored off Swatow. —Central News.

London, To-day.

A plain warning to Hitler is being conveyed by Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, according to the diplomatic correspondents of this morning's London newspapers.

Sir Neville will state, says the "Daily Telegraph," that unless there is evidence of a change of policy on the part of Germany, the British Government will be forced to continue organising resistance to aggression, and will enforce conscription in this country.

He will suggest that the steps Germany might take are the withdrawal of troops from Spain and demobilisation of some of the forces now under arms at home.

Germany will also doubtless learn, adds the correspondent, that it is the British Government's desire to see a practical pacific approach made towards a solution of questions claimed to be outstanding.

FOUR-SQUARE WITH U.S.

"Thus the British Government aligns itself four-square with the stand taken up by President Roosevelt in the Notes he addressed to Germany and Italy—a fact which has been made abundantly clear to Washington in despatches from London."

Asserting that Sir Neville Henderson has asked for an immediate personal interview with Hitler, the "Daily Express" also believes that the British Ambassador will re-

present the wisdom of acceptance of President Roosevelt's 10 or 25-year peace plan.

PLAIN WARNING

A directly worded statement, the correspondent adds, will conclude with the plain warning that rejection of President Roosevelt's proposals must lead to a tense international situation and will have the worst possible effect on world—and particularly British—opinion.

BREAKING POINT

This last point is featured by the "Daily Mail", which uses the words: "Sir Neville Henderson will stress the fact that rejection of President Roosevelt's appeal would increase international tension almost to breaking point." —Reuter.

Rumania Replies Neatly

London, To-day.

RUMANIA has replied to Hitler's query as to whether she feels herself menaced by Germany, by a Note, Reuter learns.

The Note states that as Rumania has no common boundary with the Reich, it is difficult to say whether she feels threatened by Germany.

It states the opinion that the question could best be answered by Germany herself, and adds that Rumania was not informed in advance of President Roosevelt's move but she does look with apprehension on the general situation in Europe. —Reuter.

DANISH REPLY

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is learned officially that the Danish Foreign Office has replied to Hitler that Denmark does not feel menaced by Germany and had no prior knowledge of President Roosevelt's message. —Reuter.

The President and Committee of the Social Service Centre of the Churches will be At Home on Thursday in St. John's Cathedral Hall when the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith will preside and His Excellency the Governor will attend. Speakers will include Dean Wilson, Miss Elliott and Mrs. George She.

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TO-MORROW AT THE **QUEEN'S**

Anglo-Rumanian Talks Described As Satisfactory

NO REPLY YET TO MOSCOW PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

Yesterday's Anglo-Rumanian discussions are summed up as a satisfactory exchange of views, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The morning's conversations at the Foreign Office included general consideration of the European situation, with particular reference to the position of the Balkans and the relations of Britain, France and Rumania.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain joined in the talks in the afternoon.

It is understood that economic questions have not yet been touched upon but may arise at a later stage.

Meanwhile, it is understood that no reply has yet been sent from London to the proposals submitted by the Soviets during the Anglo-Russian discussions.

The discussions are continuing in the capitals concerned.—Reuter.

BUCHAREST COMMENT

Bucharest, To-day.

Explaining the purpose of the present visit to London of the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, the "Universul" writes.

M. Gafencu will not only inform the leading British Statesmen on the attitude adopted by Rumania but will also make clear to them the conditions under which Rumania has all along been seeking to contribute its part to European appeasement.

Rumania, it is pointed out, wished to collaborate with all peace loving countries.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister is proclaiming at all stages of his journey, in Berlin, Brussels and now in London, the determination of his Government to do everything lying within its power to solve the economic and political problems confronting Europe at the present moment.—Trans-Ocean.

RESUMPTION TO-DAY

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Rumanian conversations begun at the Foreign Office yesterday morning were continued after luncheon at the House of Commons when M. Gafencu met the Prime Minister in company with Lord Halifax.

Last night M. Gafencu attended a dinner given in his honour by the British Council for Cultural relations.

To-day, after lunching with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, M. Gafencu will resume the talks at the Foreign Office with Lord Halifax.

Meanwhile in Rumania, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Economic Adviser to the British Government, had an interview with King Carol yesterday afternoon and later visited the Bucharest Chamber of Commerce.

Last night there was a reception in his honour given by the Anglo-Rumanian Society.

To-day, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross will have conversations with the Minister of Finance, M. Constantinescu, and the Minister for National Economy, M. Bujoiu.—British Wireless.

HERR WOHLTAT MEETS WITH A DIFFICULTY

Bucharest, To-day.

Herr Wohltat, leader of the Nazi economic delegation to Rumania, has already seen M. Bojoiu, Minister for National Economy.

The Nazi delegate pressed adoption of two schemes regarding the cultivation of hemp and flax and the production of a substitute form of cotton wool.

The Rumanian Minister replied that the plans could not be adopted in their present form, as the basis of the Rumanian-German treaty was not production for Rumanian consumption but a series of "economic exchanges." — Reuter.

GERMANY SAYS WOHLTAT ISN'T THERE!

Berlin, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin yesterday morning is briefly announced without comment.

Political circles believe that the German Ambassador in London, von Dirksen, will also return to his post.

A Rumanian trade delegation arrived here yesterday to discuss the question of the inclusion of Bohemia and Moravia in the German Rumanian trade agreement.

In this connection informed quarters deny foreign press reports that Dr. Wohltat of the German Ministry for Economy who negotiated the German-Rumanian agreement and the Inspector General of German Roads, Dr. Todt, are at present in Bucharest.—Trans-Ocean.



On April 2, when a sampan capsized near Changshawan, Leong Po and Sin Tau of the Sul Tai, without hesitation plunged into the water and saved four lives. At noon yesterday on board the Sul Tai, Leong Po and Sin Tau were decorated with the Bellilos Star. Photo shows from left to right: Leong Po, Captain N. Welburn and Sin Tau.—Kahn.

FRENCH AWAIT CONSCRIPTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Paris, To-day.

The attention of French political quarters is focussed on the results of the Italo-Yugoslav negotiations in Venice and the expected decision of the British Government on the introduction of military conscription in Britain.

The French press recalls that the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet on the occasion of M. Lebrun's State visit to London, pointed out to the British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, the necessity of introducing military conscription in Britain if the British Government really desired to be in a position to meet all military obligations contracted by England.

It is added that the same point was stressed last week by Premier Daladier when the diplomatic adviser to the English crown, Sir Robert Vansittart, was in Paris.

The semi-official "Petit Parisien" emphasises that the earliest introduction of military conscription in Britain had become imperative in view of the fact that the axis powers were very active and that the Venice communique clearly showed the further strengthening of the political and economic relations not only between Yugo-Slavia and Italy but also between Yugo-Slavia and Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

YUGO-SLAVIA AND THE AXIS

Belgrade, To-day.

"The fundamental principle of the foreign policy of Italy and Yugoslavia" was the description of the Italo-Yugoslav friendship pact given yesterday by the Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, when receiving representatives of the Yugoslav press.

The Minister went on to say that

PORTRAIT OF KING FOR U.S. REGIMENT

New York, To-day.

A portrait of the King by Frank Beresford is to be formally presented to the 107th Infantry, 7th Regiment of the New York National Guard, on Friday.

The presentation will follow a full dress review of the Regiment in its historic uniform dating back to 1824.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, has been asked to unveil the portrait, whose donor is Mr. L. C. Wallach, of Northampton, Hampshire.

The Colonel, acknowledging the gift, said:

"In the interest of Anglo-American relations I can think of nothing more significant than the presentation of the portrait."

DEMOCRATIC TRINITY

Recalling that the Regiment was brigaded with the British Army in the Great War, the Colonel added that he had always been anxious to have some concrete expression of this friendship and the "trinity of the three Democracies."

He had in his room portraits of Washington and Lafayette, the latter presented to the Regiment by the French Government.

"Now, with the portrait of His Majesty, the three great Democracies are brought together in an expression of their mutual ideals and traditions of friendship." — Reuter.

deepening of the friendship between the two countries resulting from the meeting at Venice was the natural consequence of a complete agreement on all questions of mutual interest.

The Minister declared that for this reason he considered the Venice meeting to be in a highest degree satisfactory.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar

FINSBURY TO GO AHEAD WITH DEEP SHELTERS

Finsbury Borough Council, which over nine weeks ago submitted to Sir John Anderson its £1,387,760 deep bomb-proof shelter scheme, on which the Government has not yet made any decision, has decided to take the first steps towards proceeding with a section of the scheme, at an estimated cost of approximately £80,000.

"Finsbury," said Mr. H. Riley, leader of the council, "is determined to see that bomb-proof shelter provision is coming, whether the Government likes it or not."

UNKNOWN MAN DEAD IN THAMES

An unknown man, aged about 35, wearing a tweed suit and macintosh, was found drowned in the Thames off the Albert Embankment, S. W.

DOCTOR DEAD: WIFE INJURED

Dr. George Webster Yule, 39, was found dead with throat wounds at his home in Williamson-street, Hull, and his wife is in hospital with head injuries.

MAN KILLED BY BOILER

William Charles George, 30 of Champion-crescent, Lower Sydenham, was killed by a boiler falling on him while he was unloading it from a lorry at the L. C. C. school in Battersea, S. W.

GERMAN ATTACHE AT CHATHAM

The German Military Attache in London, Lt.-Col. von Bechtolsheim, the other day paid an informal visit to the headquarters of the Royal Engineers at Chatham, and was conducted round the School of Military Engineering.

CONSERVATIVES' GIFTS

Streatham Conservatives have made presentations to their Member of Parliament. Sir William Lane Mitchell; their president, Sir Arthur Douglas Robinson, and agent, Mr. E. S. Lawrence, all of whom have held office continuously for 21 years.

WOMAN M.P. AND THE "CAT"

Mrs. M. C. Tate urged the retention of the "cat" for hardened criminals when the Criminal Justice Bill was again before the Standing Committee of the House of Commons.

NAZI "BRUTALITY"

Earl De La Warr, addressing teachers, said the world for which they had to prepare their charges was a world of growing brutality, as evidenced by the last action of the Nazi regime.

ROYAL TOUR IN CANADA

Plans for the visit of the King and Queen to Montreal include a four and a half hour drive through the city and reviews of massed school children.

We are told by the Government that we wish to provide 'funk holes.' If they are entitled to build 'funk holes' for themselves in time of war, we are surely entitled to provide adequate protection for our people.

WAR OFFICE SHELTER

"We have been told by Sir John Anderson that he does not know what a bomb-proof shelter is. I suggest he should visit some of the Government departments where they are constructing deep bomb-proof shelters which have not been revealed to the public."

"At the War Office they have been excavating to a depth much lower than that proposed in the Finsbury scheme. They have 156 rooms deep down protected with reinforced concrete, which is made of crushed ballast and much stronger than the normal concrete."

"This room strength is of an extent comparable to no other building in the country. There are girders 18in by 10in and 6ft apart, solidly under-pinned, driven in with oak wedges and concreted in. The partition walls are of solid steel."

"The work of the War Office and the Admiralty is finished, but is proceeding at the moment at the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour."

"CRIMINAL DELAY"

The town clerk read a letter from Sir John Anderson acknowledging receipt of the original full scheme and stating:

"The Council will appreciate that the issues raised are highly complex, and that some time must elapse

before the Lord Privy Seal can hope to communicate his considered views upon the proposals."

The town-clerk said that he had received no further communication.

Mr. Riley moved a resolution that in view of the delay on the part of the Government in the international situation, the town clerk be authorised to confer with the borough engineer and the Council's architect as to proceeding forthwith with that portion of the bomb-proof shelter scheme in the Busacostreet area, which provides for a shelter to accommodate 7,600.

Alderman C. H. Simmons said that in the light of the international situation the delay on the part of the Government was criminal.

The resolution was carried without a dissentient voice.

JUDGE RETIRES

When Judge Barnard Lailey, K.C., sat for the last time at Portsmouth County Court, to which he was appointed in 1916, it was stated that from the many thousands of judgments he had given there had been only 44 appeals, and of these only 12 had been allowed.

HAMMERSMITH A.R.P. PLAN

Hammersmith Town Council has accepted a tender amounting to £30,901 for making permanent, various A.R.P. trenches in the borough.



REALISTIC MONMOUTHSHIRE AIR RAID.—The small town of Usk in Monmouthshire takes its A.R.P. work very seriously. The other night, a realistic mimic air raid was staged during a half-hour black-out. Photo shows a demolition party "rescuing" a child from a "bombed" house.

NO WOMEN AT FUNERAL

By the dying wish of Mr. J.H.G. vine, 74, a Hastings undertaker, no women attended his funeral service at All Saints Church, Hastings.

SHELL CAP IN P. O. VAN

An unexploded shell cap, at first mistaken for a bomb, was found inside a Post Office van at an East Croydon sorting office.

A.R.P. FIRE HYDRANTS

Permission is to be given by the City of London Corporation to the London Fire Brigade to fix three hydrants in Farrington-street and New Bridge-street for A.R.P. purposes.

"CLAIMED" WHALE VANISHES

The whale which was claimed for the Crown by coastguards at Flamborough after it had been washed ashore has disappeared, and is believed to have been swept to sea again.

TRAFFIC HELD UP BY ARMY OF RATS

Traffic was held up for five minutes at Bentley, near Alton, Hants, while thousands of rats in mass formation crossed the main London road. Coming from the direction of Crondall they went towards the River Wey, on the other side of the village.

BRISTOL DOCKS RECORD

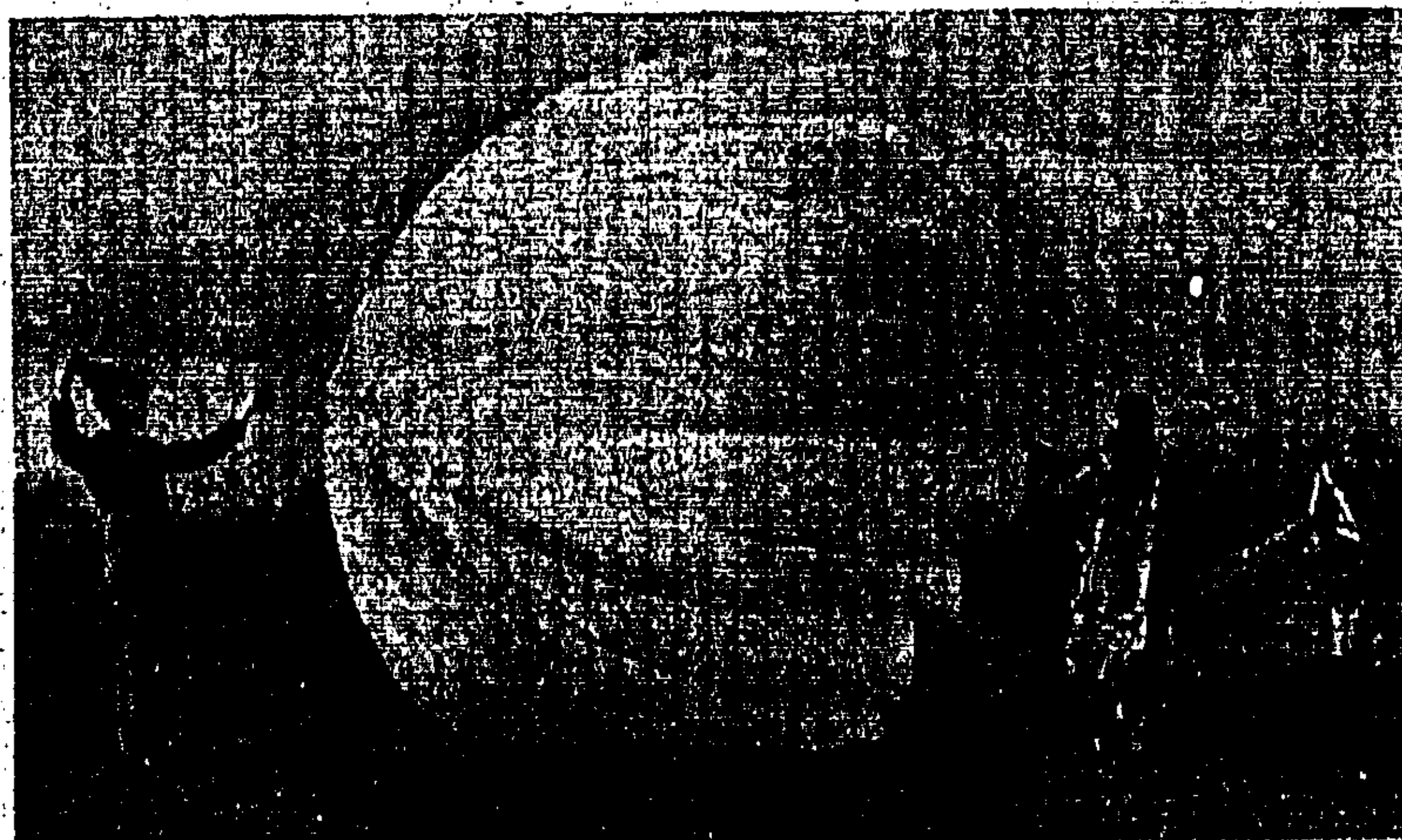
Bristol's dock trade exceeded 5,000,000 tons for the first time for the year ending April 1, with tobacco imports reaching a record of 40,000 tons.

£1,448,700 FOR WHEAT GROWERS

Cheques totalling £1,440,700 are being sent by the Wheat Commission to 26,841 growers as an advance on account of deficiency payments for the cereal year ending July 31.

"DO NOT KISS" PLEA

Two thousand discs with the words "Please do not kiss me." for babies to wear on their coats, are to be sold at Hammersmith health centres and clinics, to prevent colds and other infection being passed on.



FIRST STEPS IN FLYING.—Taken at the No. 23 Elementary and Reserve Flying Training School at Rochester, where pilots of the Royal Air Force get their elementary training and those of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve get their flying training. Photo shows pilots learning how to fold a parachute. The parachute is blown out in the wind and has then to be folded.



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CAN THE BALKANS DEFEND THEIR

The author of this article, who has just returned from a tour of South-Eastern Europe, indicates the possible effects in the Balkans of Hitler's latest acts and examines the armed strength of the smaller Powers concerned.

I CROSSED the Yugoslav frontier at Rakek a few days after the departure of Dr. Schacht from the presidency of the Reichsbank. I plunged London and other capitals into a state of gloomy foreboding. For the next six weeks, except for brief moments in Bucharest and occasional conversations with those who were thinking beyond their frontiers, I was to live in a world where Germany was a dominant economic nuisance but no worse, and where the problems which filled the foreground were purely domestic.

ENTENTE REAFFIRMED

Even at Bucharest at the time of the conference of the Balkan Entente, in mid-February, pre-occupations were almost exclusively Balkan. There were doubts — as to which the visiting ministers apparently found themselves reassured — about the loyalty of Yugoslavia, who is most inclined of the Balkan Powers to flirt with the Berlin-Rome Axis. The principal achievement of the conference was to reaffirm the inviolability of Balkan frontiers.

Bucharest itself was recovering from the panic that set in after Munich and the death of Codreanu, the leader of Rumania's banned Fascist organisation, the Iron Guard. The Black Bourse, which dominates transactions in foreign exchange, had reacted from 2,000 lei to the pound to the relatively tight quotation of 1,600. (To-day the officially quoted rate is 650-670.) The Black Bourse is a barometer of Jewish hopes and fears. The only visible evidence of such fears was to be seen at Constanza, where boats sail for Palestine and the Middle East.

I found a boat crammed with Polish Jews booked for Haifa: their passports were in perfect order, but when there was a chance hold-up over the registration of tickets they stampeded round the guichet like frightened sheep in a narrow lane.

THE CROATIAN PROBLEM

In Yugoslavia the problem of the day was the settlement of the Croatian question — a question approached by only a few of those concerned with the aim of achieving internal unity in the face of a threat from outside. Serbs and Croats, all except a small minority, had, after the fall of the Stoyadinovich Government, disinterred the arguments of 20 years' standing, and were hurling them at each others' head as if privileged to do so without outside interference until the end of time.

In Bulgaria the absorbing topics were high taxation and the undemocratic character of the Government, coupled with "safe revisionism."

Greece, the only Balkan Power to show any immediate concern over Italian ambitions, had two aspects. Those outside the Government were bitter and preoccupied with their grievances against the dictatorial nature of the Metaxas regime. Those within were more aware of European events, and convinced that in any Mediterranean war it would be impossible for a country which has so many potential naval bases as Greece to remain neutral.

In spite of Gen. Metaxas's presumed love of Germany and things German, sentiment appeared to favour Great Britain as an ally. But Greece wanted a more specific commitment than British good will. One prominent Minister complained to me that England was comparable to a great lady who liked a roomful of admirers to kiss her hand, but who would never take a lover.

There was, then, until Germany's coup in Czechoslovakia, a spirit of nonchalance in South-Eastern Europe which almost baffled analysis. Its existence outside Government circles may partly be explained by the censorship on foreign news which all Balkan Press bureaux use to prevent their peoples from being worried by alarming reports. Only watered versions of grave events are dispensed. It was also partly due to the moderate popularity of the Czechs among their fellow-Slavs.

But on their own



CONGESTION IN THE BIKE PARK. — Those attending the annual cyclists' meeting at Herne Hill. Where shall we put this one? The attendants had room for the many cycles "parked" while their owners were meeting.

PROBLEMATICS

By **ERN SHAW** No. 8

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12. PERTAINING TO SPINE

GLUES ACROSS

1. PART OF MAN

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BALKAN POWERS INDEPENDENCE?

Rumania—they are badly equipped to defend from a day when the Reich feels itself stifled by the warty and plunderer the wheat, oil and base for lack of living-room. Yugoslavia, a simple country, metals of which he stands in need. Nor and Serbia in particular, would put up a stern and courageous resistance in the mountains to invasion, but in the plains improved their position, for Skodas was their arsenal. When the German threat and foothills she lacks both mobility and equipment.

When the German threat to Czechoslovakia became imminent the bulk of the domestic contract were transferred to Slovakia, and the energies of the old factory at Pilsen were turned on to foreign contracts. There one could see, as I saw on the day of the Austrian invasion, the monogram of King Carol being stencilled on the barrels of field artillery as individuals might have monograms sewn on a shirt.

KING CAROL'S EFFORTS

Rumania is the best-equipped of Balkan Powers for actual survival in terms of armaments, for she is manufacturing, under licence from France, aeroplanes and other kinds of arms. She also has 30,000 Bren guns—a large number by Balkan standards. The King has made the army his special province, purged it of the Iron Guard supporters among the younger officers who might have acted as a Fifth Column, and increased its self-respect. In the last war it was held that the Rumanian officer class was of rather poor quality. This is no longer believed by foreign observers to be true.

On the other hand, the rather flamboyant temperament of the nation is said to be noticeable in their method of handling machinery. When a Rumanian army unit is provided with lorries, armoured cars, or tanks, it tends to drive them to death without looking after the engines or carrying adequate supplies of spare parts.

On Rumania's western front there is no Maginot line, but there are many strong points and pill-boxes capable of delaying an enemy advance towards the Carpathian passes. In short, the Rumanian army could probably give a far better account of itself than some abroad would expect, though with deficiencies still unforeseen at home.

OFFER FROM BERLIN?

Jugoslavia is brave and ill-armed, although her first Hurricane takes the air this month. There is a rumour now in Belgrade, denied and unconfirmed, that Germany has offered the country eight milliard dinars' worth of armaments, but only on political conditions and with an implicit threat that if she does not agree the Croatian grievances may be boiled up into an excuse for intervention. Even if this racial sore were healed, there exists, along the valleys of the Save and Danube, and in the rich wheatfields of the Voivodina, a German minority of 450,000, a fair nucleus of "tortured brethren" on any

Bulgaria, who was only given permission to rearm by the abrogation of the appropriate clause in the Treaty of Neuilly at Salonika last year, is in a worse case along similar lines. Immediately, in case of war, it would be more important that she should agree not to stab her Balkan neighbours in the back than that she should send ill-armed levies across the mountains to swell the tale of cannon-fodder in Rumania or Yugoslavia.

It is noteworthy that the Bulgarian Premier, after his recent visit to Angora, asserted Balkan unity, and there is little reason to doubt his word.

SOLDIERS' PAY RAISED

In Greece, as in Rumania, the King, with the assistance of a British Naval Mission, has pulled the armed forces together, put the army into sober English uniforms so as to avoid any impression of Ruritanianism, raised their pay and seen that they get paid. The navy, in a country so mountainous and so cut off, except along the valley of the Vardar, from her northern neighbours, is the most important arm. It consists solely of destroyers and submarines, though a contract has recently been signed for fast torpedo motor-boats.

The navy would probably have to carry the army from point to point around the coast as well as fulfilling its own function. It is therefore interesting to hear that the capacity and nerve of the fishermen from whom it is recruited are sound.

From a bird's eye view of the Balkans one can form various conclusions. My own is that they are individually helpless to do more than fight a delaying action—even more helpless than in the last war: that even as a bloc of small Powers, without the backing of Russia and the Western democracies, they would, within a year at the most, be reduced to guerrilla operations in the hills. But, also, that any great aggressor Power which was harassed on another front would have its work cut out, even if its objectives were reached, to retain them and preserve its line of communications intact.

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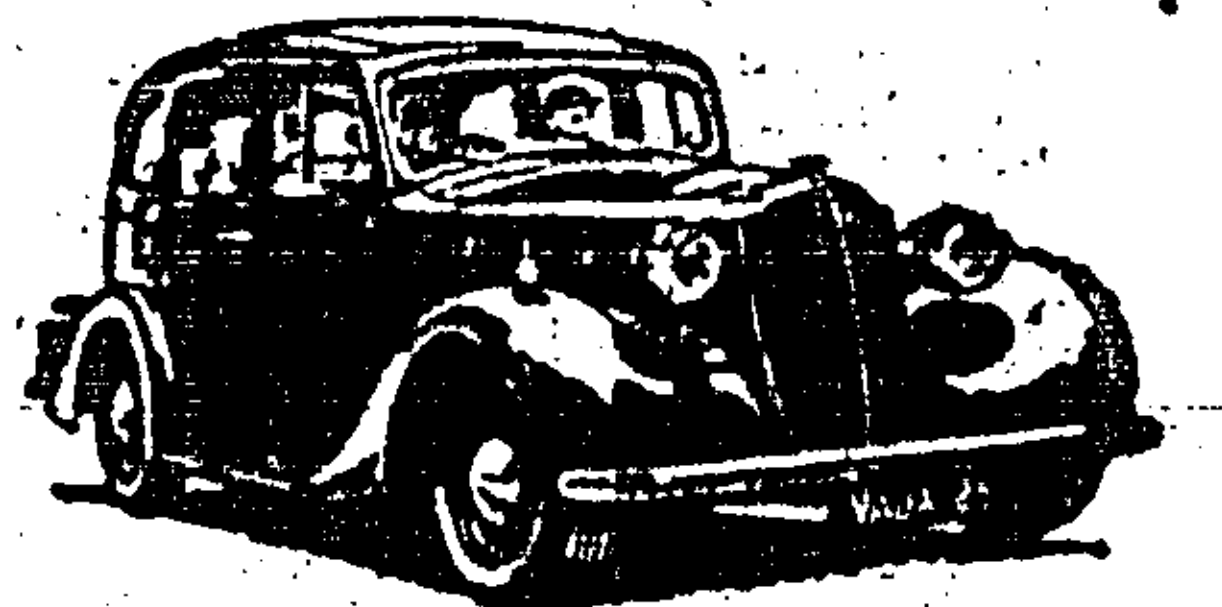
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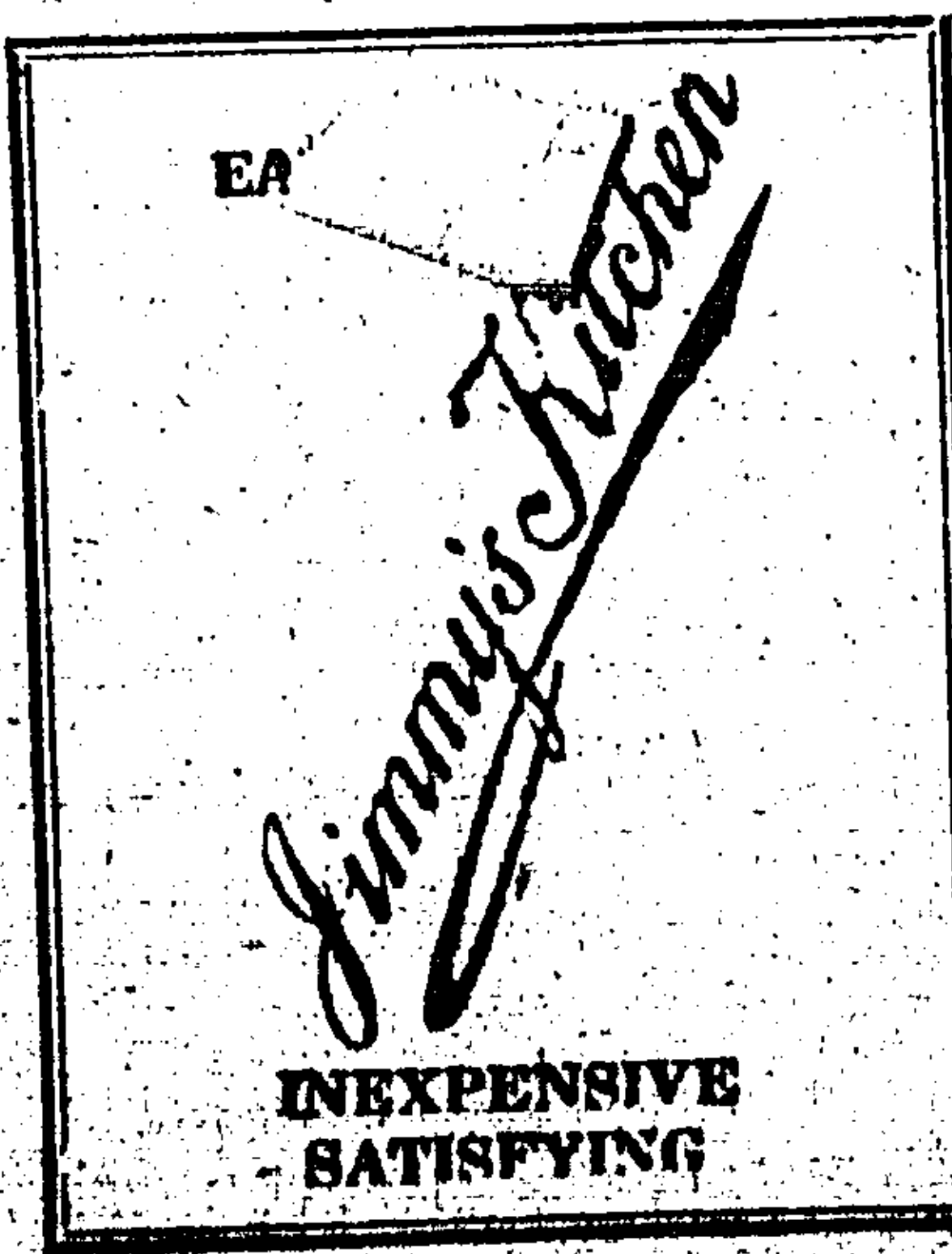


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PEGGY CARROLL turns an alluring back to the sun!

Time To Warn Sun Bathers How To Take Old Sol

First of all, it isn't the vogue this year to tan a deep shade. With the very feminine style and the soft muted colours of the Spring and Summer fashion palette, a deep tan is not attractive. We females are turning into fragile softies — whether we like it or not. And if you are at all interested in keeping step with the times you will see to it that you take the sun (by all means) but you will take it gradually and so well protected that your skin will be a glowing healthy colour rather than bean-pot brown.

Here are ten sensible suggestions for taking 'Old Sol' as you should if

you desire to preserve your lady-like beauty!

1—For at least one month before you sun bathe, condition the skin with frequent anointments of warm oil—olive, mineral or a prepared body lotion.

2—Apply oil or ointment to your hair with steaming towels once a week and get in plenty of brushing and scalp massage. This reconditions neglected hair and the natural oils combats the sun's heat.

3—Begin to sun bathe in ten minute periods. Each day increase the time a minute or two but never lie exposed longer than one-half

hour to the turn! If you want more sun cover yourself with a white sheet or robe.

4—Unless your skin is naturally well lubricated, you must use an oily preparation on it. Mineral oil with a few drops of iodine is an inexpensive and efficacious combination. Cover all skin to be exposed.

5—While in the sun keep your hair covered with a porous turban, a light scarf or other covering. Sun streaks hair, fades it beyond correction, and makes it dry. Even the youngest of heads cannot take sun in strong doses.

6—While sun basking turn frequently, taking care that the inside of your arms and legs, the under part of your chin and the back of your neck get the same dose of sun as the rest of your body.

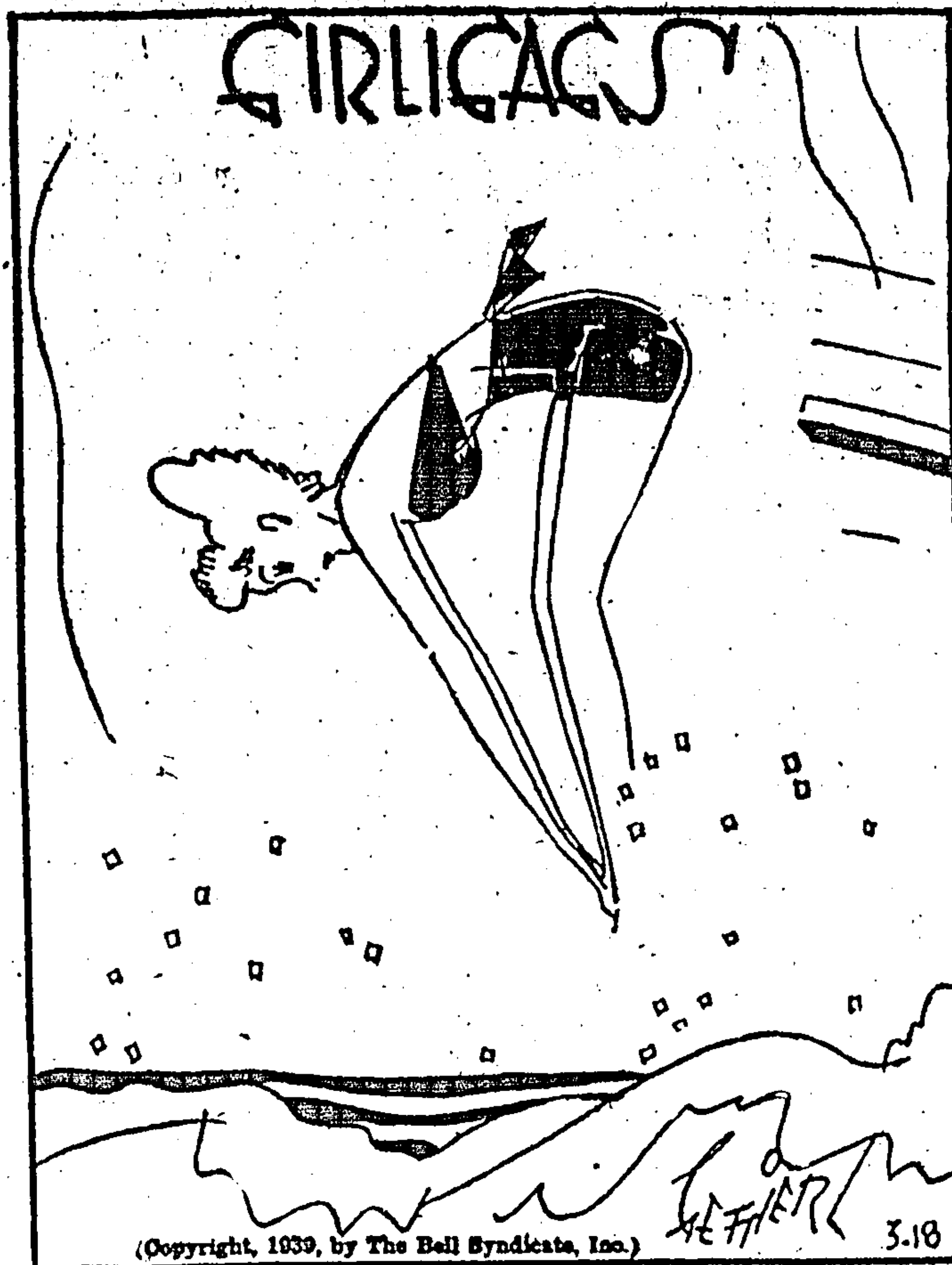
7—Always protect your eyes

either with dark glasses or with eye pads—cotton soaked in a mild astringent such as witch hazel. Keep the pads dampened.

8—When the day is very hot, be sensible, and do not lie in the sun. Many girls have suffered for years from a sun fever which they invited through carelessness.

9—Do not bathe in warm or hot water for at least one hour after a sun bath. A cold shower should never be taken directly after a sun bath. If you have burned even the slightest bit, sit wrapped in towels wrung out of chilled water for at least one-half hour.

10—If you wear no stockings you may keep your skin nicely lubricated with a body lotion between sun baths. This helps to keep the skin texture attractive and the colour subdued to a becoming tone.



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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARZ BLAKE)

Seek companionship this day, for loneliness may have a depressing affect, keep your mind clear of any gloomy introspection, and do not reproach yourself for doing anything that your common sense tells you was unavoidable. To procrastinate this day, is apt to involve you in trouble to-morrow. Results are the only things that will count, and it may be only the lack of sufficient effort on your part, if you fail to get them. There may be a tendency, on the part of many people, to cause embarrassment by asking trick questions, so think twice before answering any that might be put to you. Morbid curiosity will be dangerous. This is a good day to listen to, but not to actively participate, in any kind of gossip. Married and engaged couples, and those whose love affairs are progressing favourably, will avoid a discordant condition if they refrain from being unduly critical this day.

If a woman and April 25 is your birthday, you probably have a great amount of physical endurance, and an energetic spirit, inspired frequently by enthusiasm, that is difficult for your average friend to keep up with. You most likely believe in minding your own business, and object to anyone who does not do likewise. You, apparently, either do things efficiently and thoroughly, or make no attempt to do them at all. You care very little for money, itself, but you do love the things it will buy, and the chances are the time will come when you will be in a position to buy nearly everything your heart desires. As an actress, writer, musician, singer or sales agent you are liable to surprise yourself by getting exceptionally fine results. Your matrimonial expectations are not likely to disappoint you.

The child born on April 25, most likely will have plenty of initiative, a lot of moral courage, and some very laudable ambition. The world probably will prove to be his oyster which he will open with a surprising amount of ease.

Witty Kitty



The modern dances seem to be nothing more than a hop, skip and a jump.

Tiny-Waisted Basque Frock

Here's another proof that the simplest things are the prettiest! This dress trimmed only with a row of buttons and a frill at sleeves, and neckline, has all the feminine charm you demand in spring fashions!

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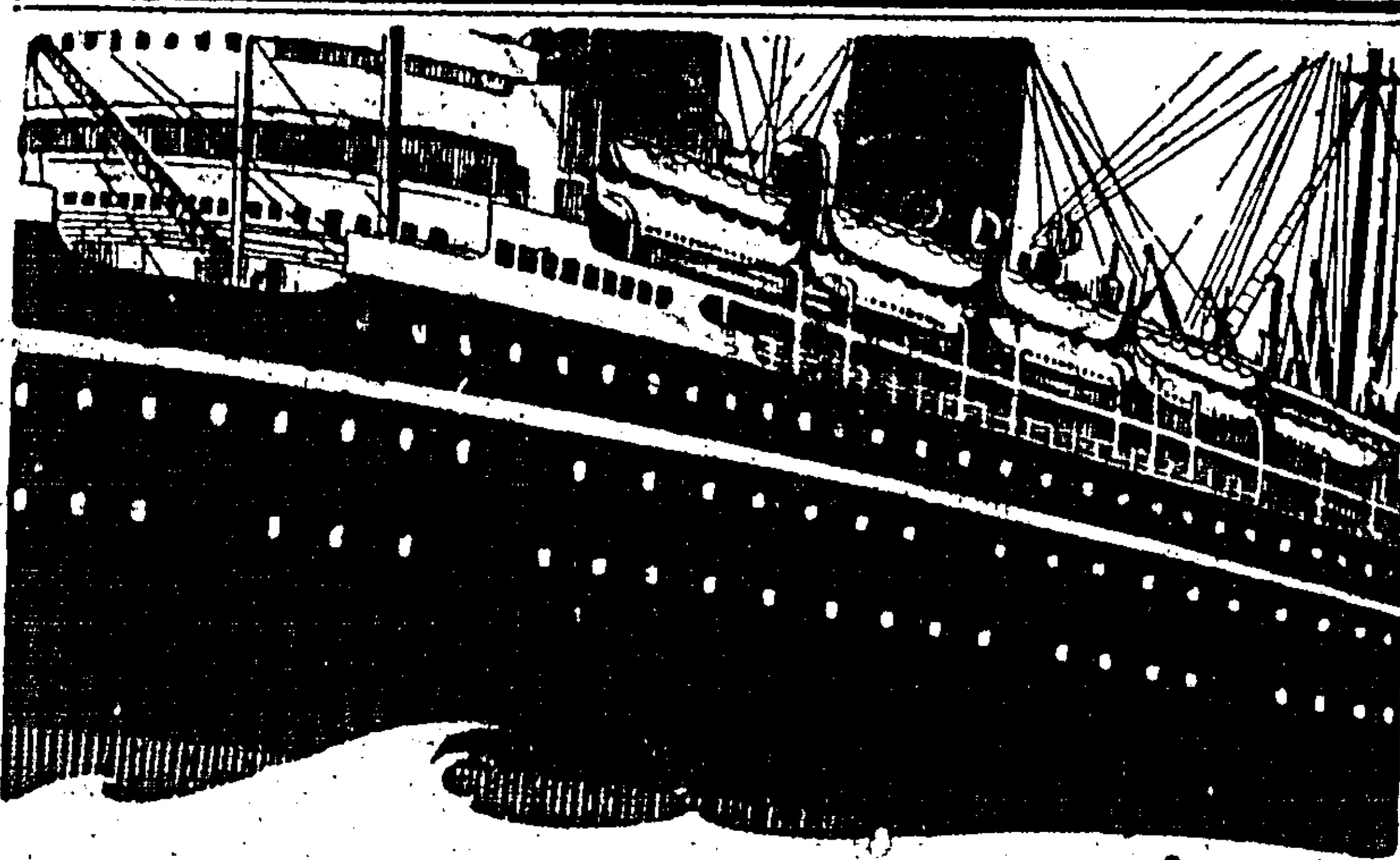
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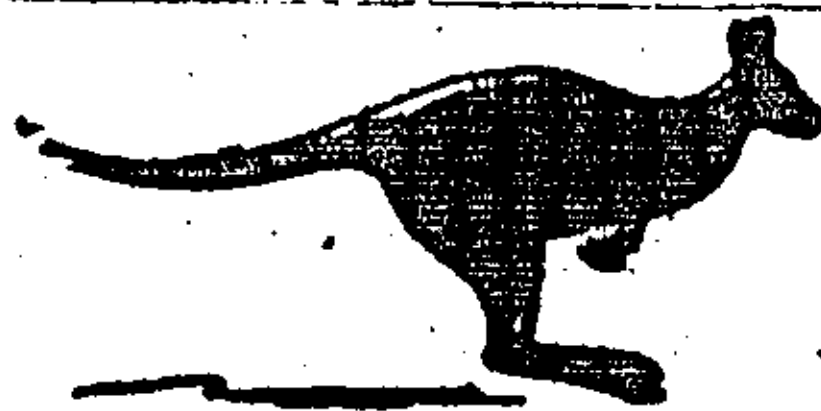
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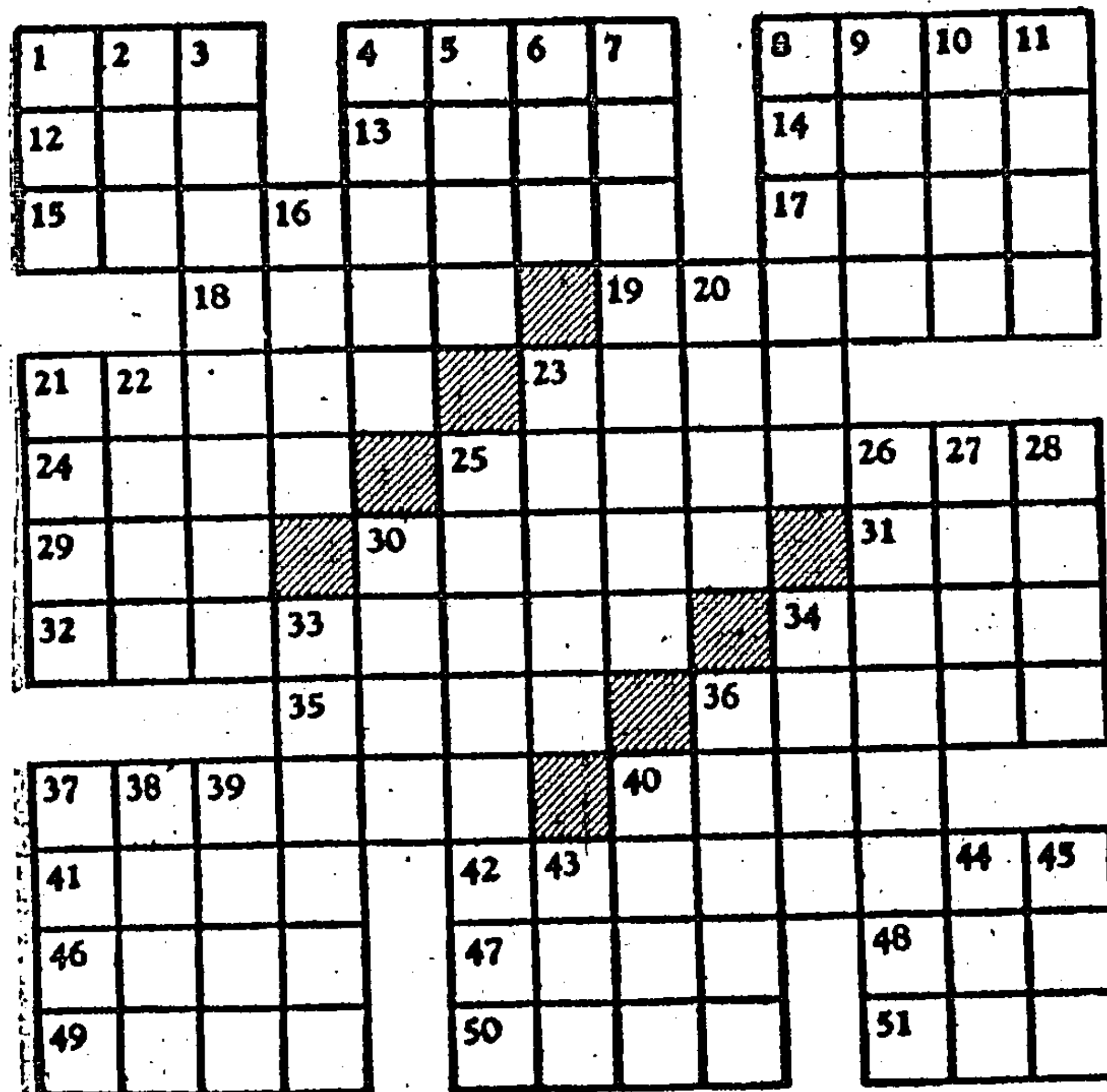
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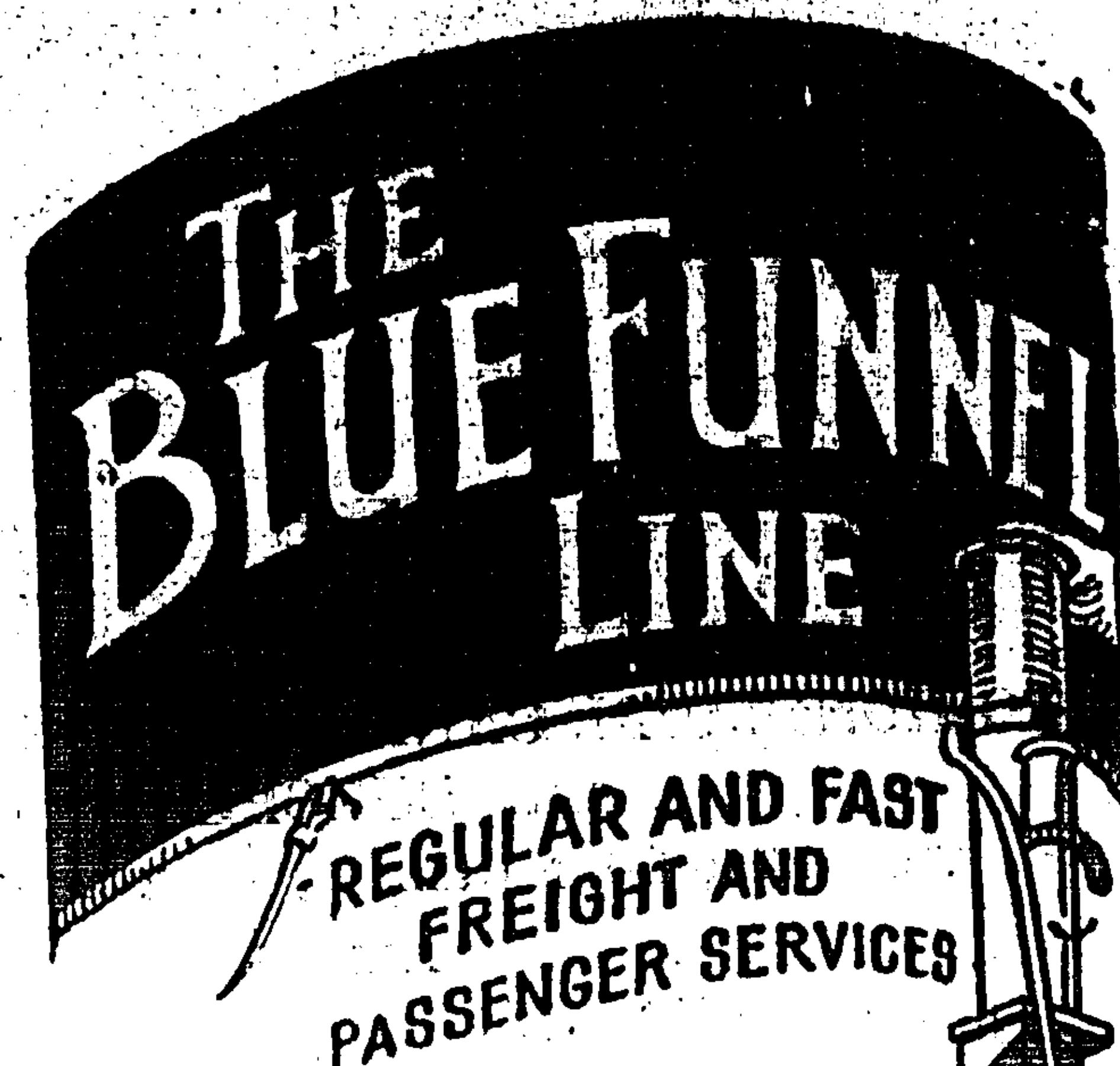
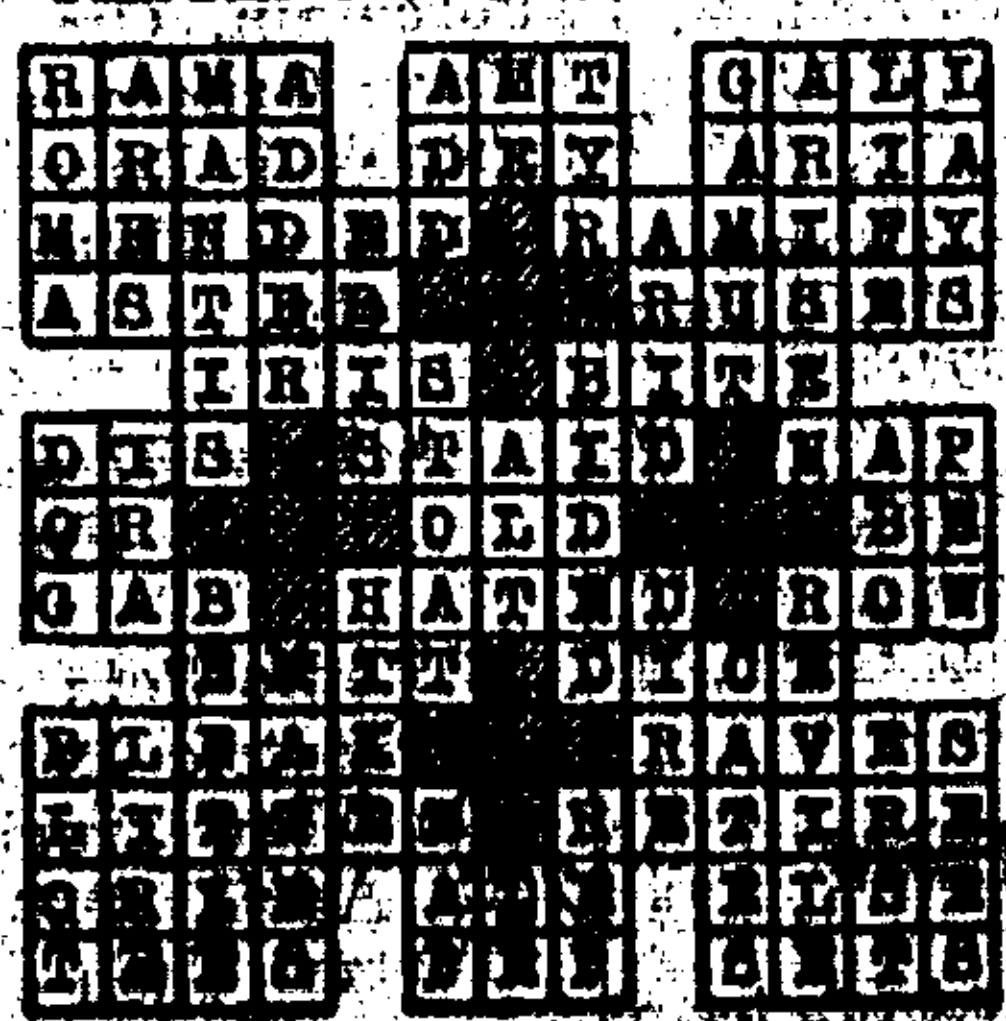
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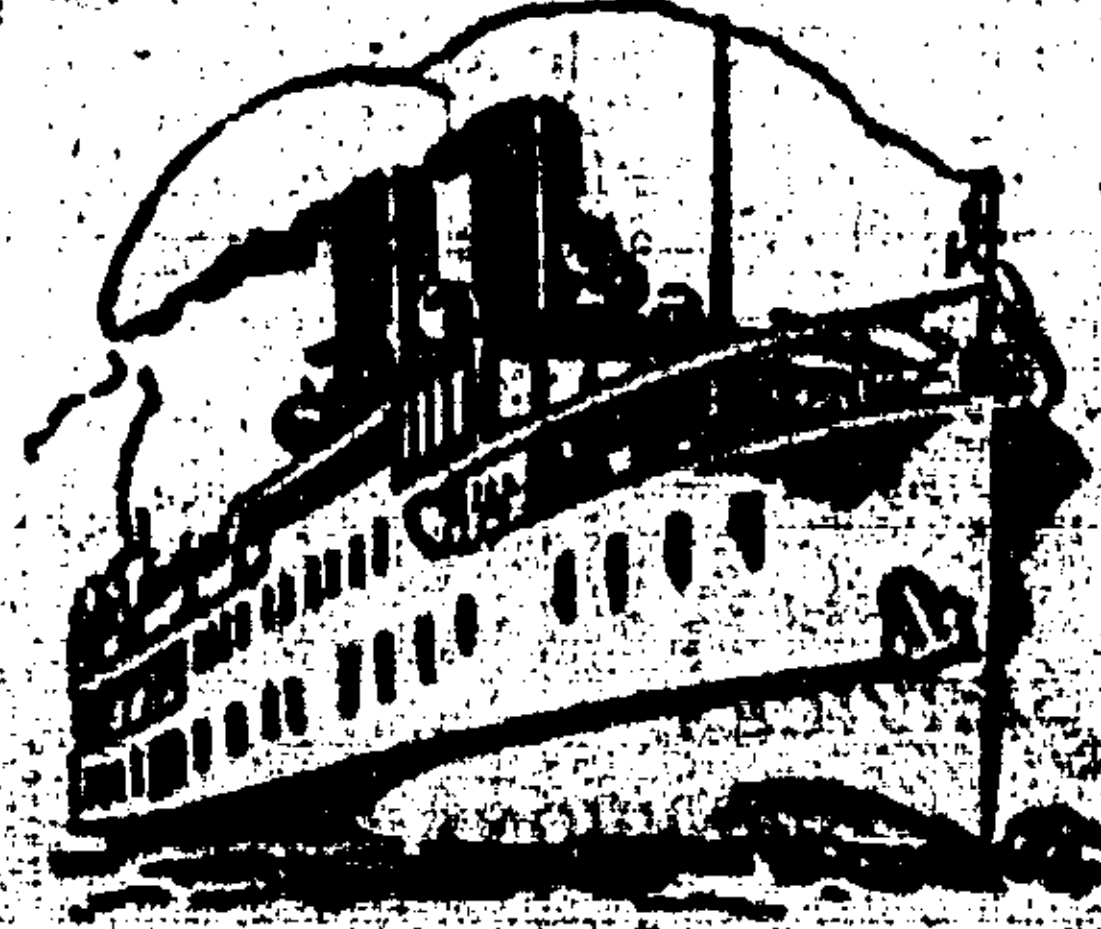
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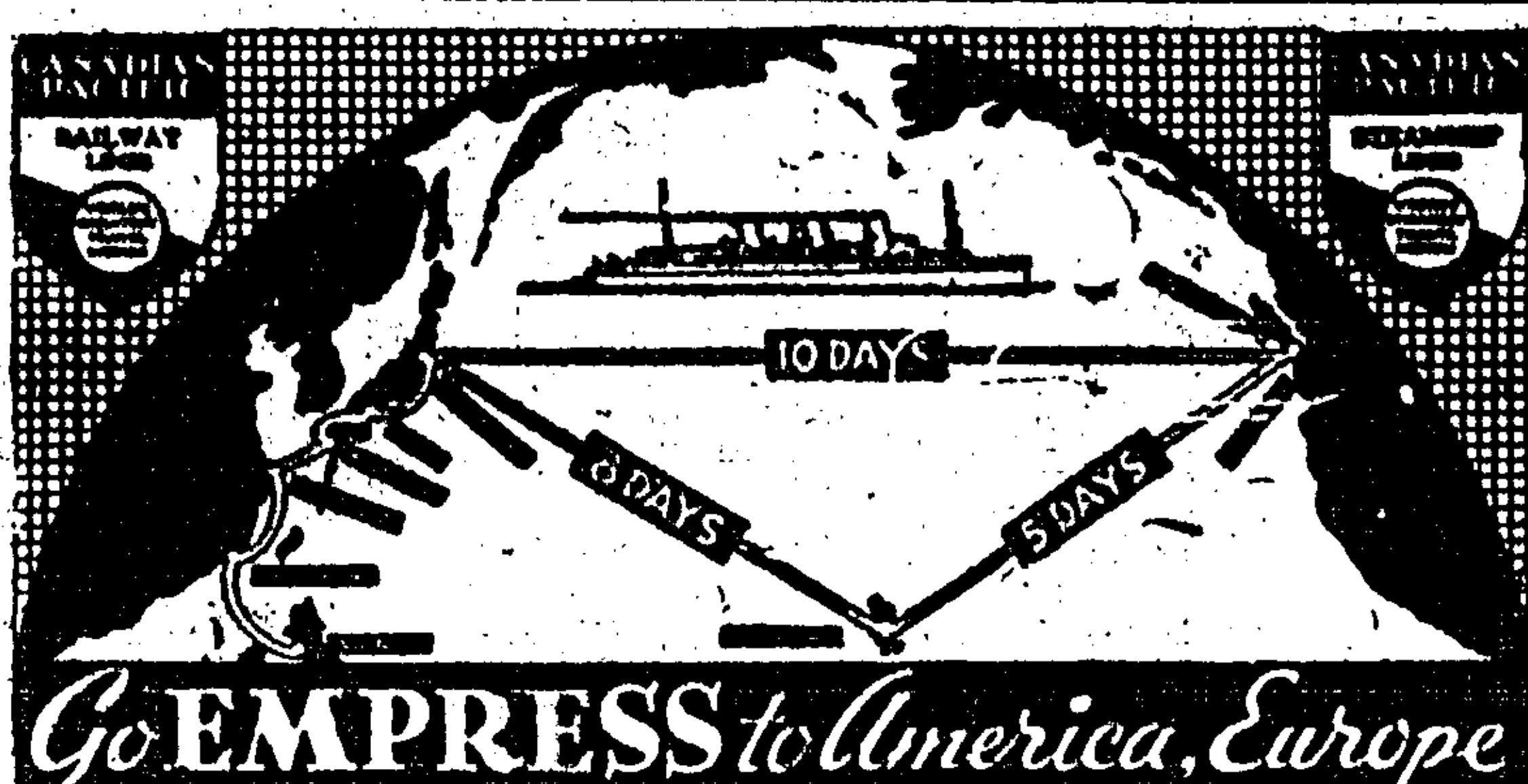
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Going for a joy-ride in a car other than their own, two Chinese youths, decided also to steal accumulators from cars they saw parked.

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The youth were seen by a police officer getting out of a car at Pitt Street. They had run away. The officer optimistically waited in the car for their return. They did return, and he managed to catch one of them.

The car which they had used was damaged. The lock on the door was broken, the master switch was out of order and 2 gallons of gasoline had been used.

Wong Yau, 17, was fined \$40 or two months at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

POLICE OFFICER IN STRUGGLE

A sharp struggle between a European police officer and a suspect was described at Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged with larceny and resisting arrest.

Lance Sergt. Bothwell saw defendant and another man at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, carrying planks across a piece of waste ground. One man, on seeing him, dropped his end and fled, whereupon the sergeant walked up to investigate. He caught defendant by the belt and a struggle ensued, with a chase and another struggle following. Both the sergeant and defendant fell into a ditch, L. S. Bothwell injuring his thumb. Defendant again broke away but was finally secured.

The planks were found to have been stolen.

Defendant was fined a total of \$40 or 7 weeks.

BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in their League games on Saturday:

v Club de Recreio "B" (Home)
J. W. Leonard, A. M. Omar, A. E. Coates, and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).

K. M. Omar, W. Ward, J. S. Landolt, and U. M. Omar (Skip).

L. C. R. Souza, A. A. Razack, C. S. Rosset, and R. Basa (Skip).

v Talkoo Docks (Away)
J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, H. W. Randall, and M. A. R. Souza (Skip).

A. J. Coelho, B. W. Whiteman, M. J. Medina, and J. Cavanagh (Skip).

W. J. Penny, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke, and W. K. Way (Skip).

v Hong Kong Electric (Home)
G. A. Payne, W. Phelps, A. B. Hamson, and G. S. Ladd (Skip).

E. McNay, H. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam, and John Pau (Skip).

W. McNeill, E. Kerrison, A. E. S. Alves, and A. A. Lewis (Skip).

Reserve:—S. R. Solina, L. Gaddi, N. Leonard, and A. K. Ismail.

H.K. ELECTRIC TEAM

The following is H.K. Electric's team for their League match against C.C.C. away:—

R. C. Butler, J. Roscoe, H. S. McKay,

INCREASED REVENUE FOR THE B.B.C.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR WALTER WOMERSLEY, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL, SAID IN THE COMMONS THAT TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM WIRELESS RECEIVING LICENCES TO THE END OF LAST YEAR WERE ABOUT £36,000,000.

Of this sum the Post Office retained about £4,000,000 to cover their expenses, and the British Broadcasting Corporation had received about £22,300,000. The Exchequer retained £9,700,000.

Licence revenue paid to the Corporation would be progressively increased under present arrangements.

TELEVISION

The question of extension of the television service throughout the whole of the country raised numerous problems, both technical and financial. Aspects of the question, including the proposals of the Radio Manufacturers Association, were being investigated but no decision had yet been reached. — British Wirelless.

CIVILIANS' HOCKEY TRIAL

The following have been selected to represent the Civilians in a trial hockey match against European Y.M.C.A. on the latter's ground at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday.—U. B. Souza (Radio); V. C. Bond (Club); R. Xavier (Nomads); R. J. Reed (Nomads); W. A. Reed (Club); E. Fowler (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (Club); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); J. Fonseca (Recreio). Reserves: J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.), R. Marques (Recreio) and D. Smith (C.B.A.).

and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
A. P. Tarbuck, A. G. Gardner, G. T. Padgett, and L. de Rome (Skip).
G. G. S. Thomson, J. R. Way, S. Deacon, and W. B. Muskett (Skip).
Reserves:—W. E. Baker, W. Macfarlane.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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WORK ON NEW CHINA RAILWAYS

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Chinese reports construction work is to be started shortly on the Shuchow-Chinfu section of the Szechuan-Yunnan railway forming the continuation of the Burma-Yunnan highway as well as the Indo-China-Yunnan railway.

The railway company has already made purchases of land in the districts of the planned line. The new construction work is expected to be completed at the end of this year while traffic is to be opened early next year. —Trans-Ocean.

SELLING GOLD TO CHEAT HITLER

Thousands of small investors in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and even France, who have hoarded gold in their homes are to-day selling their hidden treasure to the banks because they fear they may suddenly find themselves in Hitler's power.

The Continental banks in their turn are sending the gold to London for sale.

The accumulation which comes to London daily is worth thousands. It represents part of the savings of many men and women over a number of years.

Men and women are now selling their small collections and turning the money into American dollars, as being safer in the event of Hitler making a raid on their country.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1370 b., \$1400 s., \$1365 sa.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$76 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. Docks	\$16½ b., \$16¼ s.
Providents	\$4.60 sa.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	32½ sa.
Atoks Ps.	30½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	33½ sa.
I. X. L. Ps.	54½ sa.
Itogons Ps.	24 sa.
North Camarines Ps.	46 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	92 sa.
United Paracales Ps.	60 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$5½ sa.
H. K. Lands	\$33½ s.
H. K. Realities	\$4.20 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$16.20 b.
China Lights (Old)	\$8.20 b., \$8.40 s.

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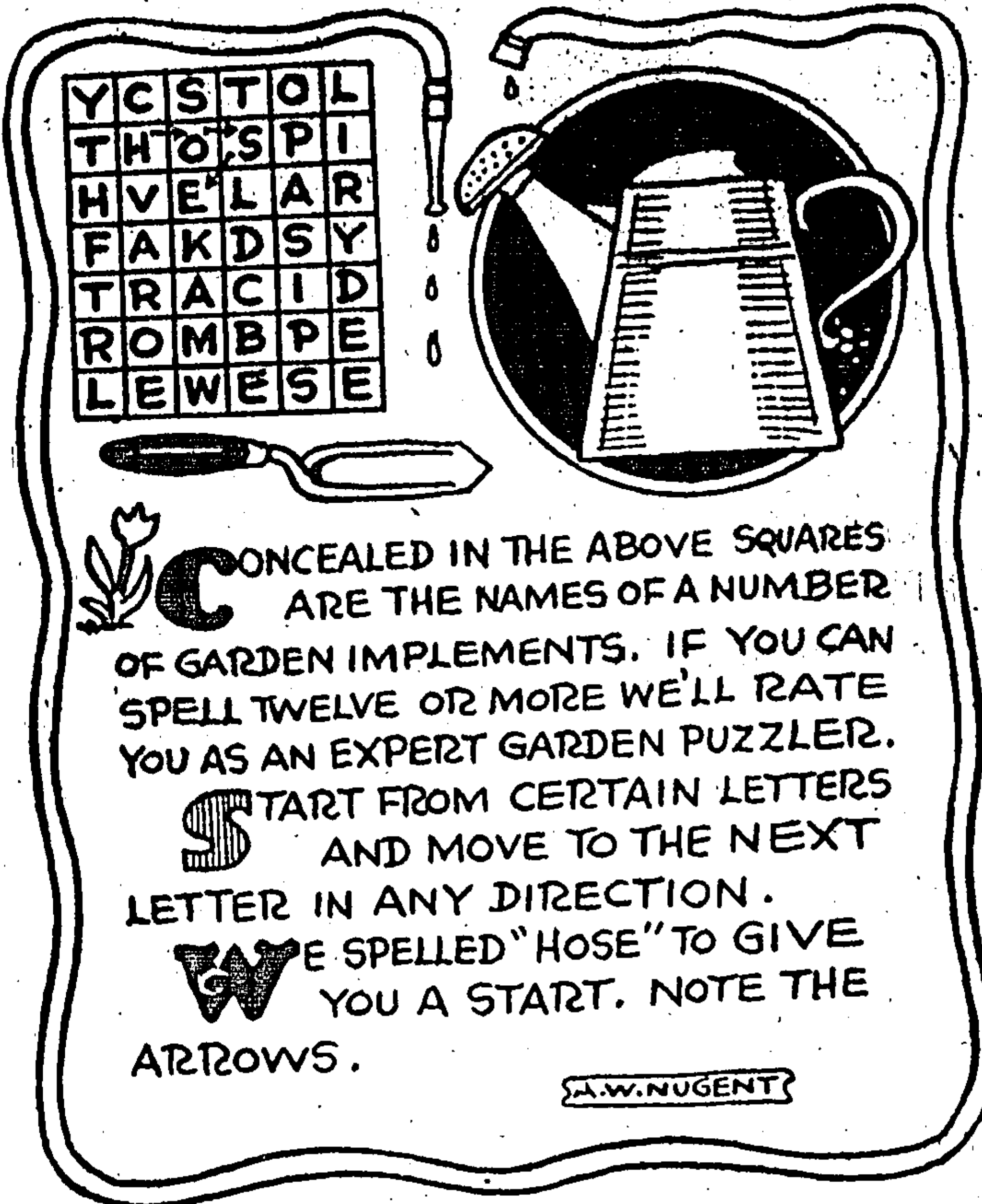
Even the safest 'safety' plays tricks now and then, so it is wise to keep She-Ko handy, ready to apply immediately in the event of a rash.

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A. W. NUGENT

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: THE RAINY SPRING.

ROYAL DOLLS STAGE BIG PARADE

A magnificent collection of dolls and miniature furniture and tableware has been presented to the Wilberforce Museum in Hull by Queen Mary.

Part of this collection was bequeathed to Queen Mary by a woman who had gathered dolls from all quarters of the globe, and part comprises hundreds of tiny objects Queen Mary has herself collected since childhood.

Wilberforce House, birthplace of William Wilberforce, emancipator of Negro slaves, is situated in the old High Street of this port and has been made into a museum. Here a large selection of the collection is on view and one of the largest rooms is being prepared especially for its reception.

The scheme of presentation, which is being prepared by Mr. T. Sheppard, Museum Director, is in the form of a miniature old-time theater after the style of old Drury Lane, London. The larger stage is surrounded by scores of tiers of private boxes, each with its curtains, and in these boxes, the Queen's dolls are to be classified and arranged as though they were watching the performance on the stage where it is proposed to show a representation of an old-time English pantomime, "Cinderella" complete with state coach and Prince Charming.

With regard to the very tiny dolls and dolls' toys—microscopically small—which the Queen has donated, these have been arranged in groups. Thus, on one small mahogany table are shown about 30 pieces of Queen Anne and Georgian silver, some of which are not more than a quarter of an inch high, but are perfect in form. Suitably sized small dolls sitting on miniature chairs and arranged as though having a tea party. A miniature kitchen, which could be placed in-

side a one-pound chocolate box, with room to spare, his plates, jugs, warming pans, and a fireplace with a real fire.

Another interesting collection is of the boots and shoes of various nations, each about three-quarters to one inch in length and each having correct stitching and decorations.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-5/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6806 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-5/16.

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SOFTBALL NOTES

CHINESE PLAYERS TURN TABLES ON PORTUGUESE

Teams Which Clashed In League Reverse Result

BILL WOO'S GREAT GAME FOR CHINA; ALVARES OFF FORM

(By "GRAND STAND")

China made a clean sweep of the International Series by trouncing Portugal, 8-2, in the Men's section and the Chinese Gals spanked the Filipino Girls, 14-9, in the women's side of the series.

In the opening game of a double header, which was witnessed by a big crowd at the Kowloon Football Club ground, China retained the International Softball shield at the expense of Portugal.

It is interesting to note that Portugal was represented by the Rumbling Recs, champions in the Men's League this past season, and China with the exception of Bill Woo was represented by the Chinese Baseball Club, who bowed to the Recs 3 to 1 in the Men's League play-off three weeks ago. The Chinese lads turned the tables on Sunday and avenged their defeat at the hands of the Portuguese ball tossers. That's baseball for you!

In the absence of Tommy Chan, lanky Bill Woo commanded on the mound for China and held the Portuguese sluggers to four measly hits, no walks and two runs during the clash. Portugal scored their two runs in the second stanza but were held scoreless in the last five cantos.

Portugal was leading 2 to 1 till the fourth inning but the Chinese reversed the issue in their turn to bat, pushing across two runs.

They garnered four more runs in the fifth inning and another two in the sixth.

Besides pitching great ball, Bill Woo's stick work was a great help to win his own game. His good work at bat brought in two runs in the fourth and fifth frames and he was high scorer with three tallies to his credit.

Alvares Off Form

Johnny Alvares on the other hand hurled a very poor game for Portugal and was badly supported by his team-mates. Johnny made the fatal mistake of feeding the enemy with too many slow balls which failed to baffle the Chinese heavy sluggers who belted 11 timely hits in six innings.

Three costly Portuguese miscues helped a lot to give the Chung Hwa outfit their eleven runs. Earl Wong the Chinese third baseman played a very brilliant game at the hot corner. He fielded 100 per cent. in eight chances without a miscue, while P. K.

Lau, at the initial sack for China, put up a good performance and was instrumental in eight putouts.

The Chinese outfielders did not have much to do except one spectacular catch by Raymond Chang when he caught a liner off Mike Mendoca's bat in the sixth inning.

For Portugal, fielding honours went to "Spotty" Pereira for his sterling work scooping grass burners and throwing his man out at first base.

Eddie Gosano the Portuguese star outfielder was quite a disappointment last Sunday both on the field and at bat. He did not make a single hit and his fielding was poor to say the least! He was inclined to play a bit too deep at centre field and was not there to get under those flies belted by the Chinese sluggers. As a whole the Portuguese chaps played very ragged ball.

Falling Off Log

In the women's game, the Chinese femmes beat the Filipino girls, 14-9, hands down. It was just like falling off a mossy log for China! The Chinese chalked up seven runs in the first two innings and from there on they relaxed and played a haphazard game.

Lily "Sunshine" Mar was on the mound for China and pitched steady ball till the fifth frame when she gave way to Ada Chang after putting her team eight runs in the lead.

With Ada Chang on the slab and three other Chinese substitutions the teams were more evenly matched and the game became more interesting. On Ada's offerings the Filipinos were able to push across six runs in the last three innings.

Both teams made nine hits apiece but the Chinese girls fielded better, erring three times afield against the Filipinos seven miscues.

Fausta Dimanlig twirled good ball for the P.I. gals but her team-mates gave her very little support on the field.

May Chung took the cake in fielding honours. She was sure fire at the windy alley and her batting accounted for one homer and a three bagger.

Doris Mar was very reliable behind the plate. Her throws to second were perfect and only two bases were stolen on her.



A. P. Pereira was prominent for Portugal on Sunday in the International Softball Final.

Hurler Fausta Dimanlig and Babida, the P.I. third Sacker, were the most valuable players in their team. Fausta, besides pitching good ball, was high scorer with three tallies, and her three bagger in the last frame brought in two runs.

Babida fielded very well and although she did not cross the plate during the whole session her three-bagger in the fifth canto drove in the two markers.

Charito Esmal played a good game at first base while Elisa Tabunara at shortstop made a good showing for the Filipinos.

Inter-Hong Fixtures

Two good and interesting games were seen in the Inter-Hong League during the weekend. The Socony-Lacas game went three extra innings before the issue was decided in favour of Socony, 11-9.

The game was keenly contested and both teams fought hard till the fracas ended. Socony started with a bang in the first inning, scoring four runs on four hits by Brown, Silva-Netto, Harris and A. V. Gosano. They were leading 7-1 in the fifth inning but twirler Ernie Figuereido blew up like a balloon to allow five runs on six walks and a hit!

A. V. Gosano took over the assignment on the mound and held Lacas to 2 runs. In the seventh, the score was tied seven all. In the tenth Socony got the breaks when Figuereido got on first on an error, Silva-Netto singled and Brown tripled to bring in two runs. Lacas were blanked in their turn to bat in the tenth inning and a grand game was over. Nazarin pitched a great game for Lacas but the breaks were against him. Brown homered for Socony.

The Chartered Nine surprised their most ardent followers by upsetting the strong Dutch Bank team, 15-14, in a thrilling and fast game played in the drizzle last Saturday afternoon at La Salle ground.

The game went two extra innings. The score was tied 14-14 in the ninth inning when Silva-Netto, the Chartered Bank pitcher, won his own game by clouting a homer which was the winning run. Dutch Bank played very loose ball. They miscued six times in the first inning to allow six runs. Azedo also homered for Chartered Bank.

Big Stuff!

Three cheers for the Texaco greasers! They've won another game! This time at the expense of the Green Spot Sweeties, who went down to the tune of 8-2.

The Orangemen did not have all their regular players out and had to field a weaker team, including Joe Wolfe, who had to play in his Sunday suit. Very sporting of Joe and although he did not know the first thing about the game he made three hits and ran around bases while his team-mates were shouting at him which direction to go!

The game was a pitching duel between Frank Lessan, of Texaco fame, and A. Pereira of the Orangemen. Both pitched on even terms allowing nine hits each. The Green Spot contingent

BOXING

ARMY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The open individual and boys boxing championships of the Hong Kong Area commenced at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, last night and will be continued this evening at 8.30.

The following were last night's results:

Middleweight, (1st. round).—Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Bds. McDonald (1st. Mid.).

Featherweight, (1st. round) boys.—Boy Martin (2nd. R.S.) beat Boy Smith (1st. Mid.).

Bantamweight, (semi-final). — Pte. Williams (1st. Mid.) secured a walk-over from Spr. Murphy (R.E.).

Lightweight, (1st. round) boys.—Boy Ward (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Etienne (8th. H. R.).

Welterweight, (1st. round) boys.—Tpr. Brennan (8th. H.R.) beat Boy Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).

Featherweight, (semi-final). — Pte. Lusham (1st. Mid.) beat Pte. Childress (R.A.M.C.).

Bantamweight, (semi-final) boys.—Boy McDonald (2nd. R.S.) secured a walk-over from Boy Winsborough (1st. Mid.) who was medically unfit.

Middleweight, (semi-final). — Bns. Emerson (2nd. R.S.) beat Pte. Hugonson (1st. Mid.).

Welterweight (semi-final) boys.—Boy Alexander (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Richardson (8th. H.R.).

ARMY SOCCER

Three Goals For Pym

In the replay of the Semi-Final Round of the Army Small Units Football Competition, the Royal Army Medical Corps beat the Royal Engineers by 4 goals to 1 at Soekunpoo yesterday.

The Medicals dominated the play during the first half and at the interval were leading by three clear goals scored through Smith and Pym (2).

The second period was more evenly contested. Isley scored for the Sappers and Pym registered his third goal for the Medicals.

HOME SOCCER

London, To-day.

The following were the results of League game played yesterday.

Second Division			
Coventry	0	West Ham	0
Chesterfield	0	Fulham	1
Third Division (South)			
Queen's P.R.	1	Clapton	1
Walsall	5	Swindon	0
Third Division (North)			
Halifax	3	Gateshead	3
Stockport	3	York	1

—Reuter.

lost the game on fielding errors and five wild throws by the infielders. The Texaco team has improved a lot since their last game both in their fielding and their batting.

Ng at third-base for Texaco played like a veteran and Charlie Thomson behind the plate was very dependable. For Green Spot, Stanley Leonard and A. Omar were very steady at third base and shortstop respectively. Larry Lawrence, Texaco's left-fielder, caught some difficult flies in the outfield and registered three clean hits during the melee.

There will be a meeting of the Hong Kong Softball League this evening at 8.30 at Brooks Club, Kowloon and all those interested are asked to attend.

Presentation of prizes will be held at a dance next Saturday night at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel.

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TO-DAY'S TENNIS

S.A. Rumjahn
To Meet
Tsui Wai-Pui

Two of the most commanding personalities in local tennis will be on view on the Stand Court of the Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day when Tsui Wai-pui, holder of the title, meets S. A. Rumjahn, holder on many occasions in the past, in the semi-final of the Colony Tennis Championships.

Tsui has already beaten H. D. Rumjahn, on that occasion proving much too fast for his veteran opponent.

"S. A." is probably slightly better as a singles player than his cousin and is far fitter.

For that reason this afternoon's match will probably be even more interesting than the previous one when "H. D." after winning the first set, collapsed badly.

There should be a capacity crowd in attendance and would-be spectators are advised to arrive early.



S. A. Rumjahn, hero of many grim struggles on the Stand Court, meets Tsui Wai-pui this afternoon.

PROGRAMME

Open Singles (Semi-Final)
Tsui Wai Pui v. S. A. Rumjahn (stand court).
Club Championship
H. J. Armstrong v. T. J. Gould (4).
Club Handicap Doubles
E. Laidlaw and A. C. Beck (scr.) v. E. E. Storey and J. J. Ferguson (-5.6) (2).
T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon (-3.6) v. J. W. Mayhew and L. Brown (-1.6) (3).
Club Mixed Doubles
T. A. Pearce and Miss D. Dodwell (-15) v. Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (-15) (8).

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WINNER EXPLOITS
EVERY STROKE IN
QUICK SECOND SET

(By "ADREM")

Starting tentatively, Tsui Yan-pui later found his touch to sweep the aggressive Ho Ka-lau off the Stand Court yesterday to win by 7-5, 6-0 and enter the semi-final of the Open Singles, Tennis event.

Ho did not have the necessary ground-strokes to match Tsui, once the latter got going and he was never in the picture in the last set when Tsui flashed out some shots which were absolutely unreturnable.

Ho has revealed very consistent form in his tournament matches thus far and quite a crowd had assembled to see how he would fare when really extended.

They learned that he is very vulnerable on the backhand, his service is not potent enough, his forehand drive is too slow to be of much avail against speed and his volleying not fast enough to meet with success against a well-equipped player.

Nevertheless, he did thrill the gallery in the opening stages. He went away with the obvious intention of exploiting shock-tactics. To a certain extent, he was successful. Tsui was left quite bewildered with the persistent pressure and took more time than he is wont to do to settle down.

Ho went up on anything. His forehand drive, at the outset, was very accurate and he chipped up chalk on Tsui's forehand corner as a preliminary to a coup at the net, with unfailing regularity. And these methods paid him.

Scored At Will

Tsui was unable to make his strokes with sufficient firmness and Ho scored at will with angled-volleys and really fine smashing from all parts of the court.

So successfully did he pursue these methods that in the space of 10 minutes Ho was leading 4-0, and, remembering Tsui's exhibition against Crawford, when he went all to pieces when the latter started to get the better of him in the last set, I had visions of a major upset.

After the fourth game, however, Tsui changed his racket. He returned with one that twanged like an old guitar every time he made a stroke, but it made a vast difference to his game. From that time onward, he assumed the mastery.

Ho made a gallant effort to save the sixth game for a 5-1 lead, but Tsui, confidence fully recovered, was not to be denied and he levelled at 4-all, scoring frequently with accurate drop-shots and going into the net at every opportunity.

Ho again took the lead at 5-4 but it was a last effort and he did not win another game, Tsui doing as he liked in the second set.

Comparisons

It was during this second set that Tsui's form caused comparisons to be made with his brother. True, Ho's shots were not powerful but he did place some very well. There was nothing he could produce,

YESTERDAY'S
TENNIS

Open Singles
Tsui Yun-pui beat Ho Ka-lau, 7-5, 6-0. (Fourth Round).
Club Championship
W. Sander beat J. J. Ferguson, 6-3, 6-3.
Club Handicap Singles
A. T. Dow (-2.6) beat E. E. Storey (-5.6), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
V. R. Gordon (-3.6) beat C. B. Nicholson (-3.6) 8-6, 7-5, 6-4.
L. Goldman (-30) beat H. D. Bidwell (-1.6), 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Club Mixed Doubles
H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (15.3) beat T. C. Monaghan and Miss J. Greig (-4.6), 6-1, 0-6, 7-5.

however, that could stop his opponent then.

Ho brought off every conceivable shot in the most confident manner and his speed in covering court gave the lie to those who considered that he was not as fast as last season. I must here confess that I was one of them."

I can think of no more fitting wind-up to the tournament than a singles final between the Tsui brothers. As matters now stand, I can see nobody stopping either of them contesting it.

YACHTING

TRUE BLUE
AGAIN

The Ladies' Corinthian race held yesterday by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over a distance of 8.3 miles, resulted in a win for Thru Blue (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, To-day.—The following is the call-over for the Derby:—
Bluepeter 7/1 o, 17/2 t.
Fox Cub and Signal Light 100/8 t.
and o.
Fairstone 100/7 o.
Dhoti 20/1.
Wheatland 20/1.
Remeo 11 25/1 t and o.—Reuter.

HOME RUGGER

London, To-day.—The following are the results of matches played in the Rugby League yesterday:
Salford 2 Broughton 2
Huddersfield 23 Keighley 6
St. Helen's 4 Halifax 10
—Reuter.

Other People's Views

Substitution in football opens the door to jiggery-pokery. It's playing with fire. No, better leave things as they are.—Ivan Sharpe.

After the poor display of Scotland's forwards in the internationals many claimed that the nucleus of a more formidable pack could have been chosen by the selectors had they looked to wards Stewart's (E.P.) The Inverleith club have long had a tradition for producing hefty scrummagers, and this season they were well up to strength in that direction. — A writer in the Sunday Times.

Archie Compston's putting especially commanded respectful attention in the £2000 tournament. He makes no difficulty about it. If he does not hole from five yards he leaves the spectator with the impression that only a hidden "borrow" in the green prevented his doing so. The rest, Cotton included, are either laborious or haphazard by comparison.—Henry Longhurst.

The eclipse of Scotland's leading boxers, temporary or otherwise, is not in the least likely to send Scottish boxing fans into the doldrums. Enthusiasm is as keen as ever, and among the younger recruits to the ring are a number who in time may well prove worthy successors to Lynch, Kilrain, and McGroarty.—Malcolm Turner.

Tommy Farr has changed both in himself and in his style since he first left these shores two years ago. He is freer and more open in disposition, and does not shun the dour, canny boxer he was at the time he fought Max Baer.—S. W. Ackland.

For some obscure reason Cowderbeath appear to have fallen out of favour in the "Kingdom." There seems to be something very wrong with the outlook of the public towards senior football in Fife. Knowing what I do of the class of player to be found among the Fife colliers, I have never been able to fathom the reason why this "nursery" has failed to maintain First Division clubs while the other collier county of Lanarkshire can boast of three.—Willie Maley.

Where now are the men who are going to take the place of the Compstons and the Whitcombes? Where is this "young team" that we are supposed to be sending to the States in November? You cannot answer those questions, and neither can I. The fellows who, for a year or two, have looked like becoming great players, have not fulfilled their promise; one or two of them have slipped back. — Laddie Lucas.

EIGHT-BALL OVER FOR SCOTLAND

The Scottish Cricket Union have recommended that the eight-ball over be employed in all matches this season.

LOCKE WINS S. A. OPEN

Durban, April 11. — Finishing with a brilliant round of 67, which broke the record for the course, A. D. ("Bobby") Locke won the South African Open Golf Championship here to-day, with a record aggregate of 279.

Locke, who had played at the top of his form throughout the tournament, had rounds of 69, 69, 74, 67. This was his third successive win in the championship, which he has won four times in all. — Press Association.

TENNIS

TALLY HO TOURNEY

London, April 11.

C. E. Hare and D. W. Butler, the British Davis Cup players, and C. Boussus, the French Davis Cup player, were among those who reached the last eight stage of the Tally Ho tournament at Birmingham yesterday.

Hare beat B. E. Whiteman, 6-4, 6-3; Butler beat C. A. Hackett, 7-5, 6-4; and Boussus was taken to three sets by Hare's brother, P. E. Hare, before winning 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. P. E. Hare, who was prominent as a junior, played extremely well against the French star, whose play was rather uneven.

Mrs. D. L. Little, formerly Miss D. Round, reached the semi-final of the women's singles, beating Miss R. E. Rodway, 6-3, 6-2. Mrs. Little was recently beaten by Miss A. M. York in the Herga tournament. Miss Yorke and Mrs. S. H. Hammersley were among other leading women players to win their matches.

GOLF

CHARGES FOR ST. ANDREW'S

The charge for spectators at the Open Golf Championship to be held at St Andrews in July have been fixed as follows:—Visitors, 2s 6d per day, or 10s per week; residents, 1s 6d per day or 5s per week.

St Andrews Town Council, following representations by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, have agreed that local tickets will again be sold at the Burgh Engineer's Office.

Special catering arrangements have been made by the Town Council for the Open Championship, and an Edinburgh firm of caterers have been granted a site to the north of the Swilken Burn for the erection of a marquee in which to cater for spectators, the Council to receive 10 per cent. of the drawings.

A new shelter is to be erected at the New Course, at a cost of £72.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON RELAY

London, April 9.—Mitcham A. C. won the London to Brighton relay race yesterday, for the third year in succession, to equal the record of Belgrave Harriers, who won in the course of 45 7-10 miles from Mitcham to Brighton, was 8 hr. 54 min. 19 4-5 sec., as against the record they achieved last year of 8 hr. 48 min. 29 sec. Belgrave Harriers were second in 8 hr. 55 min. 47 4-5 sec., and Birchfield Harriers, winners of the race on five occasions, third in 8 hr. 56 min. 51 4-5 sec. Birchfield Harriers have been placed among the first three teams each year since 1925.

Mitcham A.C., after securing an early lead, kept ahead throughout the race, although on the second and fifth relays they were challenged and were extremely hardpressed to maintain their lead. Sixteen teams took part in the race, the only absentee being Slough A.C. who were one man short and did not start.

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GOLF

PROBLEM OF THE BALL

Subject That Has Exercised Golfers For Years

WOODERSON FOR AUSTRALIA?

Sydney, April 14.—A proposal that S. C. Wooderson, English holder of the world's mile record, should fly out to Australia next summer, and compete in special races, is before the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales.

It is also proposed to invite the American, Glenn Cunningham, former holder of the world title, and if Wooderson is not agreeable to flying out here, he will be asked to travel via America in company with Cunningham.

It is proposed that Cunningham shall compete in an 880 yards race in Sydney, and Wooderson in a mile event, but they would not run in the same race. After this they would visit Brisbane and Newcastle, and return to Sydney to compete against each other in the State Championships, which will be held before the Australian Championships early in 1940.

Many difficulties will have to be smoothed out before the men can be invited, and the permission of the International Athletics Federation must be obtained.—Press Association.

LAWN BOWLS

H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB WITHDRAWS ONE TEAM

Hong Kong Football Club have been compelled to withdraw one team from the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

This step was made necessary by the loss of a large number of players in the past few weeks owing to unexpected transfers and it was felt by the Club authorities that in view of the fact that any team that they could field in order to meet their League commitments would, at best, be composed for the most part of beginners, the situation would be unfair to other clubs.

The following are the revised fixtures for the next fortnight:—

APRIL 29	
First Division	
Kowloon Docks	v C.S.C.C.
Recreio "A"	v K.B.G.C.
C.C.C.	v Recreio "B"
Indian R.C.	v Kowloon C.C.
(Police R.C. no match).	
Second Division	
C.S.C.C.	v K.B.G.C.
T.R.C.	v C.C.C.
Kowloon Tong	v Kowloon F.C.
H.K.F.C.	v Police R.C.
Third Division	
K.B.G.C.	v Stanley
Kowloon C.C.	v Recreio
H.K.F.C.	v Kowloon F.C.
C.C.C.	v H.K. Electric
(Yacht Club no match).	
MAY 6	
First Division	
K.B.G.C.	v Indian R.C.
Kowloon Docks	v C.C.C.
Police R.C.	v Recreio "A"
Recreio "B"	v Kowloon C.C.
(Civil Service no match).	
Second Division	
C.C.C.	v Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon F.C.	v C.S.C.C.
Kowloon Tong	v H.K.F.C.
Police R.C.	v Tai Koo R.C.
Third Division	
C.C.C.	v Recreio
K.B.G.C.	v H.K.F.C.
Yacht Club	v Kowloon C.C.
Kowloon F.C.	v H.K. Electric
(Stanley no match).	

DILEMMA OF ST. ANDREW'S

London, April 14.

BECAUSE of the conflict of official opinion, the Royal and Ancient Club in its attempt to provide a solution of the ball problem now finds itself in a dilemma. The four unions representing England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and the various associations outside the United States were invited to express their views on a subject that has exercised golfers of all classes for the past dozen years at least.

The issue is between the retention of the present ball, and the introduction of one that is definitely shorter in flight. Advocates of a restricted ball declare that curtailment of flight and length is necessary to prevent the game and the courses from being ruined, and further to restore some of the lost shots, and also the art of control.

Those favouring retention of the present ball and they form the vast majority of golfers, do not admit that the ball goes too far; on the contrary, it does not go far enough. Moreover, they are strongly averse to the standardisation of a new type of ball that will make a difficult game still more difficult. In making the plea that the present ball gives the greatest pleasure to the greatest number they exhort St. Andrews to leave well alone.

Though striving to hold the balance I must say that the attitude of the man-in-the-street appeals to me. He is not a first-class player, and is never likely to be; he plays golf principally for amusement and recreation, and as he provides £90 out of every £100 spent on the game, he is entitled to first consideration. Anything that deprives him of his sum of enjoyment is a false step, and one likely to have far-reaching results on the popularity and progress of the game.

I am repeatedly being told that a restricted ball—bigger, or lighter, or both—would help him to play better, and, consequently, give him more pleasure. This theoretical view is not borne out by the cold facts of experience. Many examples can be given which utterly confound this view, but it is unnecessary to go further than the recent £2,000 tournament at Bournemouth.

A Case In Point

Here we had Great Britain's foremost professionals to the number of 100 playing four medal rounds on a moderate length course of 6,640 yards. Playing with the ball that is supposed to be ruining the game only thirty of the 100 managed to break a score of eighty in one of the rounds. Further, some of the players never returned a score at all.

Such being the experience of the experts using the relatively small, heavy ball, it is possible to imagine how the average handicap man, using a bigger or lighter ball would have fared in similar conditions. Can it be said with truth that he would have enjoyed the experience? Even if Open championships and tournaments are won in seemingly fantastically low scores, the great majority of golfers are neither greatly concerned nor vitally interested.

It is not of vast importance to them whether the long second shot with the brassie is eliminated for the champions of the game, nor is it a matter of deep concern whether they are compelled to walk several hundred yards from the green to the next tee in order to preserve the club's estimate of the score value of their course. What does matter is the protection of the enjoyment of the mass of golfers in their pursuit of the traditional form of the game.

They will, therefore, heartily welcome the recommendation of the English Golf Union to St. Andrews that the present limits of the ball be retained.

The E.G.U. executive are emphatically opposed to any change which would increase the power of the ball, a view to which most people will agree, but only a minority express a desire for a change which would decrease its present limitations. On the other hand, the Scottish Union have unanimously recommended a change in the specification of the ball in order to restrict the length of the drive.

This will have a direct conflict of opinion between the two bodies representing the greatest number of golfers. The European Golf Association also favours restriction, while Ireland is divided on the subject. In these circumstances the task of the Royal and Ancient Club has become complicated, but whatever opinions may be expressed by other golf associations throughout the Empire, the greatest weight must be given to the views of Scotland and England, which countries provide the bulk of players.

Scottish Opinion

From Mr. James E. Turner, an ex-president of the Scottish Golf Union, and twice chairman of the Joint Advisory Council, I have received an advance copy of his article on the ball question which appears in the current issue of "Golf Monthly." Mr. Turner's views may be accepted as the official opinion of the Scottish Golf Union, and I welcome the opportunity of giving extracts from his article, because it will help to remove any suspicion of bias on my part.

Mr. Turner admits that the thrill to the handicap man is the long drive finishing far down the fairway, and as handicap players constitute probably 95 per cent. of those playing the game, their voices carry, and should carry, great weight. The term "long drive" is, however, merely relative. To the average ten-handicap man a "long drive" would certainly not be a "long drive" to Cotton.

According to Mr. Turner, the advantages to be derived from a restricted ball are: (1) Less waiting, less congestion, and fewer lost balls; (2) Less time taken to complete the round; and (3) More actual golf for every mile walked.

If we are to accept Mr. Turner's conclusions, the handicap man would be the gainer rather than the loser by the introduction of a restricted ball. If A with tee shots, averaging 250 yards in length, consistently outdrives B with the present ball by, say, thirty yards, he would still out-drive B, though the ball limited his maximum length to 200 yards, the difference now being from ten to twenty yards. In other words, A would still be considered a long driver though he would not have the enormous advantage provided by the present ball.

In conclusion, Mr. Turner says: "If the ball ultimately decided on were lighter and larger than the present one it would be more difficult to control; it would show up to a greater degree the inaccurately struck shot, particularly in a wind. Surely this would be to the good of the game which would regain many of the finer points now lost owing to the use of a ball putting a premium on hard rather than accurate hitting. The superiority of the first-class golfer as compared with his less respectable adversary would be just as clearly shown as at present, and he certainly would not have to walk nearly as far to prove it."

GOLF

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP SURPRISE

London, To-day.

About 250 players are participating in the English Amateur Golf Championships at Birkdale.

The first round matches yesterday had some really surprising results. Among them was the defeat of E. B. Tipping, a former runner-up, at the hands of R. L. Graham by one hole.—Reuter.

KOWLOON GOLF

Draw For Summer Cup

The following was the result of the Kowloon Golf Club Summer Cup, qualifying round, held on April 23:

A. J. Dennis 73, F. C. Barry 73, R. K. Collings 74, A. A. Lopes 74, M. L. da Roza 77, W. Kershaw 78, T. Lamb 79, E. D. da Roza 79, W. Bastin 80, S. Jex 80, W. Ahern 81, F. A. Hill 81, G. Milne 82, J. Eastman 84, A. E. Davies 84, T. Henderson 85.

Open Foursome (Final).—E. D. da Roza and M. L. da Roza beat W. C. Simpson and E. O. Murphy 4 and 3.

The following is the draw for the Summer Cup—First round to be played on or before May 7.—W. Ahern v. J. Eastman, A. J. Dennis v. T. Lamb, S. Jex v. A. A. Lopes, W. Kershaw v. W. Bastin, E. D. da Roza v. R. K. Collings, F. C. Barry v. M. L. da Roza, A. E. Davies v. F. A. Hill, T. Henderson v. G. Milne.

FANLING BOGEY POOL

The bogey pool at Fanling over the week-end resulted in a tie between E. T. McMullen (8) and Wing-Comdr. A. H. Steele-Perkins (16) who were all square. There were 35 entries.

INDOOR BOWLS

U.S. NAVAL WIN

In a friendly Ten pins match at the Bowling Alleys, U.S.S. Augusta beat H.M.S. Birmingham by 322 points.

The following were the scores:—	
U.S.S. AUGUSTA	
T. L. Cleaver	138
M. S. Johnson	140
J. M. Flaherty	93
P. L. Eaton	94
Total	948
H.M.S. BIRMINGHAM	
W. J. Bevan	96
L. S. Garner	19
R. P. Welch	81
R. W. May	46
Total	626

FRIENDLY BADMINTON

In a friendly badminton match at St. Andrew's Hall last night St. Andrew's beat Y.M.C.A. 9-0.

S. A. and F. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's).
Beat A. L. Fisher and J. Lamb 21-2.
Beat R. Johnston and E. Curtis 21-6.
Beat F. G. Mills and L. Bennett 21-9.
H. Kew and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's).
Beat Fisher and Lamb 21-6.
Beat Johnston and Curtis 21-4.
Beat Mills and Bennett 21-3.
F. V. Wong and M. Weill (St. Andrew's).
Beat Fisher and Lamb 21-17.
Beat Johnston and Curtis 21-0.
Beat Mills and Bennett 21-17.

Anzac Day And Other London Relays

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Michael Bartlett (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra. Through Night To Light (Laukien); Blue Devils' March (Williams, arr. Lotter)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
You Are My Love Song (film 'Lilac Domino'); My Heart Will Be Dancing (film 'Lilac Domino')... Michael Bartlett (Tenor) with Orch.
Everybody's Songs (arr. Goehl). Intro: I passed by your window; Somewhere a voice is calling; Down Vauxhall Way; I know of two bright eyes; O lovely Night; Passing by; Come to the Fair... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir)... Michael Bartlett (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Old Vienna Moon (Lebert, Zadowski, arr. Phil Cardew); Live, Laugh and Love (film 'Congress Dances')... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 6. Intro: Never in a million years; Will you remember?; I've got Beginners' Luck; Smile when you say goodbye; It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; Let's call the whole thing off.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. R. 13. Intro: On Treasure Island; Thanks a Million; The Music Goes 'Round and Around'; Some Other Time; A Little Bit Independent;

To-day's Wireless

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Goodnight Sweetheart.
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music. Tango—Questa Notta Ti Diro. Waltz—Coronation Waltz. ... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trot—No Regrets. ... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Subject: 'An Articled Clerk in the City of London Thirty Years Ago'. Speaker: Mr. C. B. Brown, A.C.A.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Between a kiss and a sigh; (b) Could be; (c) I'm madly in love with you; (d) Miss Annabella Brown.
6.14 p.m.—Record: Accordion Parade—Medley. Intro: Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together; It's a Sin to Tell A Lie; Touch of your lips; Alone; Poor Little Angelina; These Foolish Things... The Piano-Accordion Virtuosi with Vocal Chorus.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Deep in a Dream; (b) Grandma Said; (c) Garden of the Moon; (d) Avalon.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film 'Mazurka'); Love's Romance—Slow Fox-Trot... Fred Stein (Piano).

Many Happy Returns Of The Day (film 'Music Hath Charms')... Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Ride Tenderfoot Ride; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Loch Lomond; (d) Madhouse.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).
When Song Is Sweet (Sans-Souci); Think On Me (Lady John Scott—arr. Moffat); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard & Knight)... with Orchestra.
7.12 p.m.—Musical Comedy. 'Follow The Sun'—Selection... Jack Jackson's Dorchester Hotel Orchestra, London.
'Home And Beauty'—Selection (C. B. Cochran's Revue)... Magda Neeld, Janet Lind and Webster Booth with Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Half an hour of Variety with Derickson & Brown, Kitty Masters & Others.
Vocal & Piano—You Oughta Be In Pictures (Heyman & Suesse); One Morning In May (Parish & Carmichael)... Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).
Organ—O Sole Mio (Di Capua); La Paloma (Yradler)... Horst Schimelpenninck.
Vocal & Piano—The Night Is Young and You're So Beautiful (Kahal & Suesse); Another Perfect Night is Ending (Coots)... Turner Layton.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Orchestral Concert. Crown Diamonds—Overture (Auber)... London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dance Music: Musical Comedy: Variety

tra cond. by Constant Lambert.
L'Epreuve D'Amour (Mozart—arr. Ludwig Seitz)... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Efreim Kurtz.
Slavonic Dance No. 16 In A Flat Major (Dvorak)... Czech Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Václav Talich.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—The Thin Red Line. The King's Royal Rifle Corps.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Massed Bands. The Music of the Drums; Private Tommy Atkins; The Song of the Drum; The Drummer and the Cook; Belvedere; The Minstrel Boy; The Watch Tower; The Lost Chord; Mechanized Infantry; The Belle of Aldershot; All for a shilling a day... Massed Bands Of The Aldershot & Western Commands (Recorded at Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1936).
10 p.m.—London Relay—Anzac Day, 1939. A programme of poetry and music written in commemoration of those who fell during the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. The reading of the poems, which will include extracts from the works of Robert Graves and Siegfried Sassoon, as well as Shakespeare and Tennyson, will alternate with an account in prose of some of the incidents of the memorable year.
10.30 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
Waltzing Matilda (Paterson-Cowan, arr. Wood); Waiata Poi (Hill); Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs)... with Orchestra and Chorus.
10.45 p.m.—London Relay—'The City of London'—9. 'Pioneers of Empire' by William Kent.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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♦ A Q J 10 9 3
♣ Q
♠ K 3
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ 4
♣ J 10 8 7
4 2
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E
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♠ 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 8 6 2
♣ A K 9 5 3
♠ A Q J 7 6 4 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6
The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ 1♠ 2♠ 3♦
Pass 3♠ 4♠ 4♠
Pass Pass Pass

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ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 1/2
TOTAL VALUE OF HAND IN
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The opening club lead was won by the King and a heart returned. Declarer won in dummy, lead a low spade, went up with the Ace, led a low diamond, went up with the Ace and played the Queen of diamonds. East won with the King and played a heart, but it was of no avail. Declarer won with the Ace in dummy and discarded his losing heart on the Jack of diamonds.

It will be noted that if Declarer had taken the spade finesse, the heart Ace would have been knocked out before the diamonds could

be established for a discard. And if he had taken the diamond finesse, West would have ruffed the second diamond lead with the King of spades and would also have been able to cash a heart trick.

As David Bruce Burnstone's partner, you dealt and bid one spade, holding:

♠ A K Q J x x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x
♣ x

Mr. Burnstone responded two clubs. What was your correct bid? ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. This bid shows clearly that your spades are solid and is a mild Slam Invitation.

Score 100% for four spades, 80% for three spades (this bid would imply weaker spades and greater side strength), 40% for five spades (an overbid), 0 for two spades.

QUESTION NO. 82

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ 8 6 4
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 2
♣ K Q 10

Both sides are vulnerable; you are the dealer. The bidding:

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S — "The Sisters". Myron brings down-to-earth, tensely human tale of three sisters and the widely different fates they encountered on the stormy seas of marriage. The cast included Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, Anita Louise, Ian Hunter, Donald Crisp, Beulah Bondi, Jane Bryan, Alan Hale and Dick Foran.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA — "Cafe Society". with Madeleine Carroll, Fred MacMurray and Shirley Ross in starring roles. Taking Manhattan's most glittering circles as its background, "Cafe Society" tells a high-stepping story of a beautiful but bored society girl's whirlwind romance with a reporter who shows her how the rest of the world fights its battles. In the supporting cast are Claude Gillingwater, Jessie Ralph, Allyn Joslyn and, making his motion picture debut, Lucius Beebe, famed Manhattan bon vivant and boulevardier.

AT THE ORIENTAL — "Night Club Scandal". Murder before your eyes! The crime planned on an innocent man. John Barrymore in his most exciting

role as a cold-blooded, murderous doctor who nearly brings off the perfect crime. The fine cast includes Lynne Overman, Charles Bickford, Louise Campbell, Elisabeth Patterson and Evelyn Brent.

AT THE CATHAY — "The Great Waltz", with Luise Rainer, Fernand Gravet, Miliza Korjoo, Romantic Vienna of the days of Franz Josef, the haunting Waltzes of Johann Strauss, the poignant romance of the life and loves of a great composer, blent with the pomp and pageantry of Europe's gayest court and the brilliancy of its people in the drama of the life of the Waltz King.

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FRENCH EFFORT TO FIND SOVIET AID FORMULA

Paris, To-day.
M. Georges Bonnet, French Foreign Minister, received M. Tatarescu, the Rumanian envoy to Paris, for a report on his conversation at Le Touquet with the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, before the latter's departure for London.

The chief topic of discussion in London, it is believed, will be the extension of the Alliance between Poland and Rumania, since this is believed highly desirable in Paris, and it is believed that a strengthening of this alliance would facilitate Soviet Russia's adherence to a general security system.—Trans-Ocean.

CABINET AGREED ON CONSCRIPTION

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FRENCH POSITION

In Paris, it is stated that M. Bonnet will continue to play a dominating part in the French Cabinet so long as he can use the British conscription argument, and M. Flandin will continue to be an important man in French political quarters too. The "Homme Libre" publishes a long article which may be taken to reflect M. Bonnet's views with complete accuracy. It says:

"The mobilisation of all our

LEITH-ROSS IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, heading a British Trade Delegation, arrived yesterday afternoon.

The official delegation, which consists of eight persons, not including the clerical staff, is accompanied by representatives of several British wheat and timber import firms, as well as by several representatives of oil and cotton interests. The Royal Dutch Oil Company is also represented.

The press states that the object is not only to extend the Anglo-Rumanian Trade Agreement, but also to set up British industrial undertakings in Rumania. Thus it is planned to construct a large plant for the manufacture of chemicals for sale in Central Europe and the Balkans.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross was received by King Carol shortly after arrival of the delegation. After the audience in the Royal Palace, Sir Frederick called on M. Calinescu, the Premier. Official negotiations will begin on Tuesday.—Trans-Ocean.

forces will give us at absolute maximum 110 divisions, as against Germany's and Italy's 165. Against this avalanche we shall be protected by the Alps and by the Maginot Line, and with the help of the six British and ten Belgian divisions we should be able to check a German advance through Belgium. But

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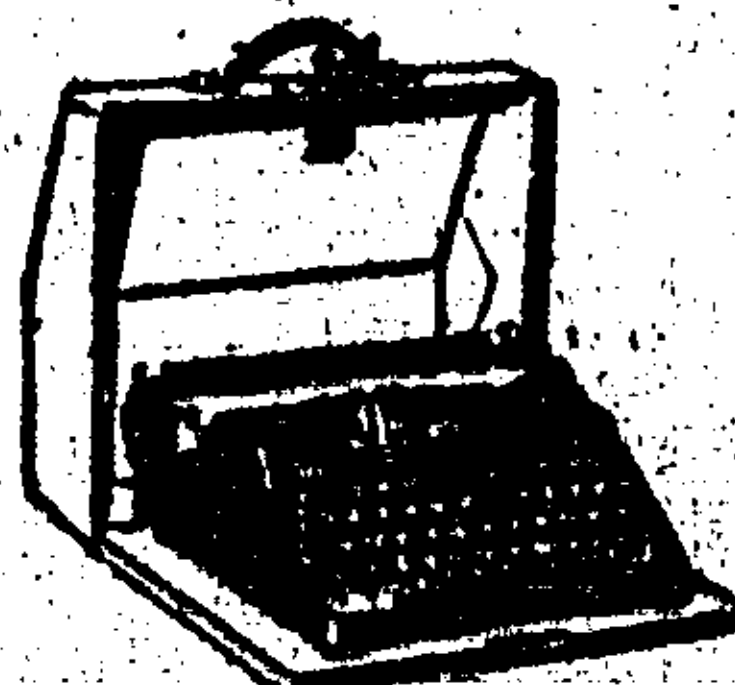
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